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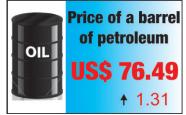
ORANJESTAD -Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies (VWS) companies, N.A. Water Systems and OTV, have been awarded a contract to design and build a 24,000 m3/D (cubic meters per day) desalination facility on the island of Aruba. The desalination plant will treat seawater from beach wells to provide high quality drinking water to the island

The project will be performed on a 22-month schedule and was issued by Water en Energiebedrijf Aruba N.V. (W.E.B. Aruba), the island's electric and water utility.

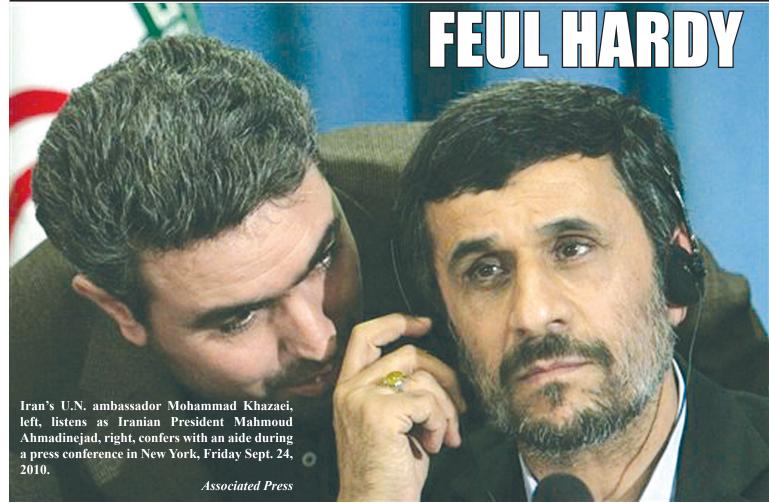
Reverseosmosistechnology will be used to replace the thermal desalination units that were formerly operating with low pressure steam from steam turbines. The contract includes performance guarantees for water production and quality, minimal downtime. as well as electrical and chemical consumption. In addition to the design-build work, the contract includes an option for one year of onsite operations assistance and two years of off-site technical assistance.

The island's first desalination plants were installed in 1932 by VWS, according to Paul Choules, vice president of desalination at VWS' N.A. Water Systems.

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hmadinejad says Iran may end enrichment

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Iran would consider ending uranium enrichment, the most crucial part of its controversial nuclear activities, if world powers send Tehran nuclear fuel for a medical research reactor, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told reporters Friday.

Addressing a packed press conference in a New York hotel, Ahmadinejad also said Iran was prepared to set a date for resumption of talks with six world powers to discuss Tehran's nuclear program, saying October would be the likely time for the two sides to meet.

Ahmadinejad also defended his remarks at the U.N. a day earlier in which he claimed most people in the world believe the United States was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks and again challenged the United Nations to set up a commission to probe

"I did not pass judgment, but don't you feel that the time has come to have a fact finding committee?" Ahmadinejad asked. Ahmadinejad said Iran had no interest in enriching uranium from around 3.5 percent to 20 percent purity but was forced to do so after the world powers refused to provide nuclear fuel that is needed for a Tehran reactor that produces medical isotopes for patients.

That level is far below the more than 90 percent purity needed to build a nuclear weapon, but U.S. officials have expressed concern Iran may be moving closer to an ability to reach weapons-grade level. Tehran began higher enrichment in February after talks stalled over a U.N.-brokered proposal that the United States hoped would — at least temporarily — leave Iran unable to produce a warhead. The U.S. and its allies accuse Iran of seeking to build a nuclear weapon, a claim Iran denies.

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WASHINGTON, United States (AP) the move to increase "people-to-people" — US and congressional officials say the Obama administration is considering easing travel restrictions to Cuba and could announce a decision before the end of next week.

The officials said today a decision on

exchanges with the communist island has not yet been made.

They said political considerations could still hold it up.

But they said the administration is keen to expand opportunities for American

students, educators and researchers to visit Cuba. Details of the proposed policy shift were reported Tuesday by The New York Times.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because internal deliberations are still ongoing.

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Pioneering black physician to be honored



NEW YORK - He couldn't go to medical school in New York, so James McCune Smith went to Scotland for his degree and returned home to treat the city's poor.

The degree he earned in 1837 made him the nation's first professionally trained African-American doctor. He set up a medical practice in lower Manhattan and became the resident physician at an orphanage.

Celebrated during his lifetime as a teacher, writer and anti-slavery leader, in 1865 and was buried in an unmarked grave.

On Sunday, descendants who only recently learned they had a black ancestor, will honor Smith at his Brooklyn grave. It will be marked with a new tombstone.

"He was one of the leaders within the movement to abolish slavery, and he was one of the most original and innovative writers of his time," said John Stauffer, a professor of African-American studies at Harvard University who has written about Smith and edited a collection of his works.

The story of why Smith was nearly overlooked by history and buried in an unmarked grave is in part due to the centuries-old practice of light-skinned blacks "passing" as white to escape racial prejudice.

Smith's mother had been a slave; his father was white. Three of his children lived to adulthood, and they all apparently passed as white, scholars say.

Smith's great-great-greatgranddaughter, Greta Blau of New Haven, Conn., said that none of his descendants was told that they had

Smith fell into obscurity after his death a black ancestor, let alone such an accomplished one.

> Blau came across her family connection while taking a course in the history of blacks in New York City. It was there that she came across the name James McCune Smith, which rang a bell. The name was inscribed in a family Bible belonging to her grandmother, Antoinette Martignoni.

> Blau consulted with Stauffer, and they did some research and determined that the James McCune Smith who was known as America's first black doctor was indeed her forebear.

> "I never, ever would have thought that I had a black ancestor," Blau said. She added, "We're all really happy. ... He was a really amazing person in so many ways.'

> Smith lived and died during a time in America when little attention was given to the achievements of black people. Smith's children refused to promote their father's legacy and even shunned their African-American heritage.

> While hardly a household name, Smith was well known enough that a public school in Harlem was named after him. Danny Glover portrayed him in a video produced by the New York Hist

orical Society.

Smith also was the first African-American to publish scholarly studies in peer-reviewed medical journals, Stauffer said. He also wrote essays countering theories of black racial inferiority that had currency then. He was a friend and associate of famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass, and he wrote the introduction to Douglass' "My Bondage and My Freedom."

Smith set up a medical practice and a pharmacy in what is now Manhattan's Tribeca neighborhood. He also was the resident physician at the Colored Orphan Asylum on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street.

The orphanage burned to the ground in 1863 amid riots by white workingclass immigrants over the Civil War draft. Smith and other prominent African-Americans fled to Brooklyn, then a separate city.

The asylum was re-established at a new location and survives today; it's called Harlem Dowling.

championed Smith educational opportunities as a founding member of the New York Society for Promotion of Education of Colored Children.







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APNewsBreak: 4th man sues Ga. megachurch pastor

By GREG BLUESTEIN

Associated Press Writers

ATLANTA – A fourth young male member of Bishop Eddie Long's megachurch is suing the prominent pastor, claiming Long coerced him into a sexual relationship.

The lawsuit was filed by Spencer LeGrande, a member of New Birth Charlotte. New Birth Charlotte is a satellite church run by Long in Charlotte, N.C. The lawsuit said Long told LeGrande "I will be your dad" and invited the 17-year-old to journey to Kenya with him in July 2005. LeGrande said that Long gave him a sleeping pill on that trip and that the two engaged in sexual acts.

The Associated Press does not typically identify alleged victims of impropriety, but attorney B.J. Bernstein has said all four of the men who filed lawsuits consented to being identified publicly. The lawsuit claims Long convinced LeGrande that "engaging in a sexual relationship was a healthy component of his spiritual life," the complaint said.

LeGrande, now 22, said the two continued their relationship on a February 2006 trip to South Africa and after he moved to Atlanta at Long's encouragement. He said that Long also instructed him not to have girlfriends, but that he pulled away in the spring of 2009 after he became "disillusioned." He moved back to Charlotte in October, it said.

The complaint, filed in DeKalb State Court, comes after three other men filed lawsuits on Tuesday and Wednesday saying they were 17- and 18-year-old members of the church when they say Long abused his spiritual authority to seduce them with cars, money, clothes, jewelry, international trips and access to celebrities.

Long is expected on Sunday to deliver the first public message since the men accused him of having sexual relationships with them. He has vehemently denied any wrongdoing through his lawyer and a Twitter posting.

Bishop's attorney, Craig Gillen, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Friday.



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U.S. President Barack Obama delivers remarks in Lanham, Maryland, February 5, 2010. The Obama administration sought on Thursday to limit the reach of a recent court decision striking down the U.S. military rule that bans openly gay people from serving in the Armed Forces.

By GENE JOHNSON, **Associated Press Writer**

TACOMA, Wash. - A federal judge ruled Friday that a decorated flight nurse discharged from the Air Force for being gay should be given her job back as soon as possible in the latest legal setback to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Ronald Leighton came in a closely watched case as a tense debate has been playing out over the policy. Senate

Republicans blocked an effort to lift the ban this week, but two federal judges have ruled against the policy in recent weeks. Maj. Margaret Witt was discharged under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and sued to get her job back. A judge in 2006 rejected Witt's claims that the Air Force violated her rights when it fired her. An appeals court panel overruled him two years later, leaving it to Leighton to

determine whether her firing

met that standard. Witt, of

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Spokane, joined the Air Force injured soldiers. in 1987 and was suspended in Her attorneys, led by the 2004 just short of retirement American Civil Liberties after her commanders learned she was in a relationship with a civilian woman. She was a flight nurse with an evacuation aeromedical squadron responsible for transporting and caring for

Union of Washington, insisted that Witt was well respected and liked by her colleagues, that her sexuality never caused problems in the unit, and that her firing actually hurt military goals such as morale, unit Several members of the squadron testified to that effect and said they would welcome Witt back to the unit.

Lawyers for the Air Force said such evidence was irrelevant. Military personnel decisions can't be run by unit referendum, they said.

3 new senators to take office 2 months early

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The Senate could see three new faces in November, two months before a new Congress takes the stage with likely a lot bigger Republican cast.

Barring unforeseen disputes, winners of special elections in Illinois, Delaware and West Virginia are expected to take their seats — and their first votes — within days of the Nov. 2 election. The early start will give the three an edge in seniority over their fellow newly elected senators, who must wait until the new Congress convenes Jan. 3.

They'll immediately face votes in a lame-duck session on some thorny issues, like whether to continue Bush-era tax cuts for everyone, or start making people who earn over \$200,000 pay higher income taxes. The departing Congress also is expected to consider repealing the military's ban on openly serving gay personnel and other proposals between Nov. 2 and the new Congress.

Illinois Democrat Roland Burris, chosen to replace President Barack Obama in the Senate by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, must leave the Senate after Election Day, according to a series of court rulings. The Supreme Court this week rejected Burris' bid to block a special election to decide who serves out the final two months of Obama's term, which began in 2005.

So the winner of the special election, either Republican Mark Kirk or Democrat Alexi Giannoulias, will serve in the lame-duck session. The winner of a second ballot, which includes the same candidates, will serve the full, six-year term that begins in January.

In Delaware, the new senator-elect will be sworn to serve in the postelection session, said Michael A. Barlow, counsel to Gov. Jack A. Markell. There, Republican Christine O'Donnell and Democrat Chris Coons are battling for Vice President Joe Biden's former Senate seat. Ted Kaufman, a longtime aide to Biden, has been serving in the seat on a gubernatorial appointment, since Biden left it to become vice president.

And in West Virginia the winner of the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd's seat is expected to serve during the lame-duck session, replacing Carte Goodwin, a Democrat. The battle



FILE - In this Nov. 3, 2009 file photo Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill. is seen during a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington. On Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, the Supreme Court said it won't stop a special election for President Barack Obama's old Senate seat that leaves out current Illinois Sen. Roland Burris. Burris earlier this month asked the high court to block plans for a special Senate election that would exclude him.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File)

pits Democratic Gov. Joe Manchin against Republican John Raese. After Byrd's death, Manchin in July appointed Goodwin, his former counsel and a Charleston lawyer, to fill the seat until a successor is elected.

The winners of two other Senate elections, in Florida and Colorado, will be seated at the beginning of the new Congress on Jan. 3, according to officials in those states. That means Sens. George LeMieux, R-Fla., and Michael Bennet, D-Colo., will serve out the lame-duck session.

Bennet, appointed last year to serve out Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's term, is running against Republican Ken Buck.

In Florida, LeMieux will cede his seat to the winner of a three-way race between Republican-turned-independent Gov. Charlie Crist, Republican nominee Marco Rubio and Democratic Rep. Kendrick Meek.



la. bank robbers strap bomb to abducted teller

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – A bank teller was kidnapped early Friday from his home by robbers who strapped a suspected bomb to his chest and used him to steal money from a Bank of America

branch near the University of Miami, according to the FBI. suspected explosive device was safely removed and the teller was brought out of the bank shortly before noon. The FBI would not

say whether it was a viable explosive, but said it contained "bomb-making materials." Coral Gables police Chief

Richard Naue said three men broke into the teller's home, holding him and his father hostage for several hours. Two of the men allegedly drove the teller to the bank, while the third remained with the man's father.

The alleged robbers never actually entered the bank. Naue said they sent the boobytrapped teller inside to retrieve an undisclosed amount of cas h. The branch manager, who was the only other employee there before the bank opened, then called police.

"It is an unusual event to have explosives strapped to a victim and sent in," said Dena Choucair, assistant special ag ent for the FBI in Miami. "We do not have any information at this time that connects it to other robberies in the area, but we are pursuing all logical leads at this point."



Police did not immediately release the teller's name, or officially clear him of wrongdoing, though he was described as a victim.

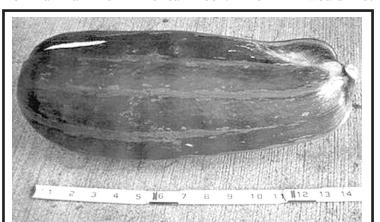
A major South Florida thoroughfare, U.S. 1, was closed for hours in both directions at the height of rush hour. Three local schools were on lockdown as a precaution and the University of Miami sent out a campus-wide alert warning students and staff to avoid the area, although classes continued as usual.

The incident began early Friday with a home invasion at an apartment complex in

the suburb of Kendall, where the bank teller lived, said FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela. The robbers allegedly fled in a stolen 1998 Ford Mustang, license tag R958DY.

Initial reports that there were hostages in the bank appeared to be unfounded, but the incident triggered a massive police response because of the possible explosive.

Bank of America said in a statement that "the safety of our associates is our highest priority and Bank of America is working closely with law enforcement to assist in the situation."



Montana woman fends off bear attack with zucching

HELENA, Mont. - A Montana woman fended off a bear trying to muscle its way into her home Thursday by pelting the animal with a large piece of zucchini from her garden.

The woman suffered minor scratches and one of her dogs was wounded after tussling with the 200-pound bear.

The attack happened just after midnight when the woman let her three dogs into the backyard for their nighttime ritual before she headed to bed, Missoula County Sheriff's Lt. Rich Maricelli said. Authorities believe the black bear was just 25 yards away, eating apples from a tree.

Two of the dogs sensed the bear, began barking and ran away, Maricelli said. The third dog, a 12-year-old collie that wasn't very mobile, remained close to the woman as she stood in the doorway of the home near Frenchtown in western Montana. Before she knew what was happening, the bear was on top of the dog and batting the collie back and forth, Maricelli said. "She kicked the bear with her left leg as hard as she could, and she said she felt like she caught it pretty solidly under the chin," Maricelli said.

But as she kicked, the bruin swiped at her leg with its paw and ripped her jeans.

The bear then turned its full attention to the woman in the doorway. She retreated into the house and tried to close the door, but the bear stuck its head and part of a shoulder through the doorway.

The woman held onto the door with her right hand. With her left, she reached behind and grabbed a 14-inch zucchini that she had picked from her garden earlier and was sitting on the kitchen counter, Maricelli said.

She threw the vegetable. It bopped the bruin on the top of its head and the animal fled, Maricelli said.

The woman called for help from a relative staying with her. They found the collie outside, unable to move, and took it to a veterinarian.

The dog appeared to be fine on Thursday, but the vet was keeping it for observation, Maricelli said.

The woman did not need medical attention for the scratches on her leg, though she got a tetanus shot as a precaution, Maricelli said.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials set up a trap in an attempt to capture the bear, the agency said in a statement. Besides the nearby fruit trees, there wasn't anything on the woman's property that would attract a bear into the backyard, like garbage or livestock feed, wildlife officials said.



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"We were not interested to carry out 20 percent enrichment. They (the U.S. and its allies) politicized the issue. We were forced to do it to support the (medical) patients," Ahmadinejad said in response to a question Associated from The Press. "We will consider halting uranium enrichment whenever nuclear fuel is provided to us."

Ahmadinejad said pressure was counterproductive, but respectful talks will bear fruit. "The era of following a policy of carrot and stick is over. Even such words are insulting to nations. It's only good for cowboys and those of retarded people. Definitely it has no effect," said. "They issued resolutions as talks were underway. Still, we are ready for talks."

The Iranian leader said an Iranian representative will probably meet with members of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China as well as Germany in October.

He suggested that a specific date could be set should European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton contact Iran.

"Probably in October; we are ready for talks. The doors are open for talks within the framework of justice and respect," he said. However, he warned that Iran won't give in to pressure. "They are definitely mistaken if they think they can trample the rights of the Iranian nation through coercion in the talks." In his one and a half hour session with reporters, Ahmadinejad also lashed out at the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as an overreaction to the September 11 attacks. The Americans should "not occupy the entire Middle East...bomb wedding parties...annihilate an entire village just because one terrorist is hiding there."

Ahmadinejad also gave no ground on his Sept. 11 remarks in a feisty interview on Fox News in which he was asked he you could insult millions of Americans by saying "such an insane and nutty thing." "Would you address your ownpresidentthesameway? Would they ever allow you to?," replied Ahmadinejad,

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Head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi delivers a speech at a general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, at the International Center in Vienna, Austria, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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commission should investigate the Sept. 11 attacks rather than have the entire world just accept what the U.S. government tells them.

"The fact-finding mission can shed light on who the perpetrators were, who is Al-Qaida ... where does it exist? Who was it backed by and supported? All these should come to light," he said.

Ahmadinejad's remarks during a speech to the U.N. General Assembly Thursday afternoon prompted a walkout by the U.S. diplomats. Delegations from all 27 European Union nations followed the Americans out along with representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Costa Rica, an EU diplomat said.

President Barack Obama responded to Ahmadinejad in a BBC Persian service interview Friday saying: "Well, it was offensive. It was hateful."

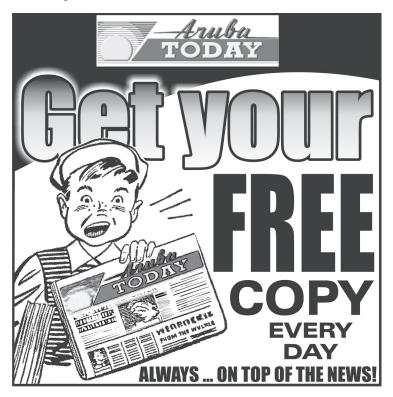
"And particularly for him to make the statement here in Manhattan, just a little north of Ground Zero, where families lost their loved ones, people of all faiths, all ethnicities who see this as the seminal tragedy of this generation, for him to make a statement like that was inexcusable," Obama said.

Ahmadinejad routinely makes incendiary remarks, which the West claims are a diversion from heavy international pressure on Tehran to end uranium enrichment and prove that it is not trying to build a nuclear weapon. Iran insists it is enriching uranium only to fuel nuclear reactors to generate electricity.

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Iran is under four sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions as punishment for its failure to make its nuclear ambitions transparent.

other On matters, Ahmadinejad said, "I don't have a problem meeting with" Sarah Shourd, one of three Americans who were taken prisoner in Iran during a hiking trip along the border with Iraq. She was released from solitary confinement on Sept. 15 and has said she wants meet Ahmadinejad while he is in New York. The Iranian leader did not answer a question about whether Iran would also release Shourd's boyfriend Shane Bauer and their friend Josh Fattal. All three were captured in 2009.





opical Storm Matthew threatens Central America

(AP) — Nicaragua was evacuating about 10,000 people from the path of Tropical Storm Matthew the storm drenched the Caribbean coast and threatened much of a Central American region prone to disastrous flooding.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Matthew could bring 6 to 10 inches of rain to Nicaragua and Honduras, with the possibility of flash floods and mud slides. Some parts of Nicaragua already were coping with flooding due to earlier rains.

The center said the storm was moving inland over Honduras late Friday and heading northwest toward Guatemala with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. The storm first hit land Friday afternoon over northeastern Nicaragua.

A tropical storm watch also

was in effect for the coast of Belize.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega ordered the preventive measures and "all emergency structures are on alert," Lt. Col. Freddy Herrera told The Associated Press by telephone. "We have evacuated people from the region of Cabo Gracias a Dios and the Miskito Cays" in the same region.

Flights into the area were suspended due to limited visibility, though the winds are moderate, the military said.

Honduras, the government declared a state of preventive alert throughout the country and Defense Minister Marlon Pascua said the army was ready to help civil defense actions.

In Honduras, the defense minister said armed forces are ready, and the Red Cross reported 3,000 aid workers



A fisherman runs along a dock under a heavy rain in La Ceiba, Honduras, Friday, Sept. 24, 2010. According to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, tropical storm Matthew's drenched the Caribbean coast and threatened much of northern Central America prone to disastrous flooding.

in place. Civil defense officials in El Salvador were taking precautions, including canceling classes in high-risk areas, and Costa Rican authorities also

zones along the central Pacific coast.

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Japan releases Chinese boat captain amid dispute



In this Sept. 8, 2010 file photo, Zhan Qixiong, center, the 41-yearold Chinese captain of a Chinese fishing boat, is led by Japan Coast Guard personnel to disembark from a coast guard boat at a port on Ishigaki island, southwestern Japan.

Associated Press

MALCOLM FOSTER Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japan on Saturday morning released a Chinese fishing boat captain involved in a collision near disputed islands, following intense pressure from China in the worst spat between the Asian neighbors in years.

The move will likely ease the escalating tensions sparked when Japan arrested the captain earlier this month after his trawler collided with two Japanese patrol boats near islands in the East China Sea claimed by both countries.

Beijing suspended ministeriallevel dialogue with Tokyo and postponed talks on developing disputed undersea gas fields. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao earlier this week sternly threatened "further action" against Japan if it did not immediately release the captain.

On Thursday, Beijing said it was investigating four Japanese suspected of illegally filming military targets and entering a military zone without authorization. Also, there were reports China had suspended Japanbound shipments of rare earth metals critical in advanced manufacturing.

A day later, prosecutors announced they would release him. He was let go early Saturday, according to a police official in the small town of Ishigaki, where he was being held. The official

declined to give his name, citing department policy.

The Chinese captain was due to fly directly back to China via charter jet.

The captain's arrest, and the territorial dispute behind it, stirred nationalistic sentiment in China and Japan and threatened to undermine business ties between their intertwined economies — the world's second- and third-largest.

Itisalsooneofseveralterritorial spats straining China's ties with its Asian neighbors while its increasingly powerful navy enforces claims in disputed waters. Washington has signaled its intention to protect its interests in those waters and to keep them open for commerce, drawing China's irritation by urging it to resolve the disputes.

The U.S. praised Japan's decision to release the captain. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters Friday that the U.S. hopes the decision will ease tensions between the two longtime Asian rivals.

This is "how mature states resolve these things, through diplomacy," Crowley said. He says the United States continues to support freedom of navigation in Asia.

Earlier, prosecutors in Okinawa, southern Japan, where the 41-year-old captain, Zhan Qixiong, was in custody for more than two weeks, said they would let him go partly because they did not perceive any premeditated intent to damage the Japanese coast guard boats — but also for diplomatic reasons.

"We have decided that further investigation while keeping the captain in custody would not be appropriate, considering the impact on the people of our country, as well as the Japan-China relations in the future," said Toru Suzuki of the Naha, Okinawa, prosecutors office. Authorities in Okinawa also said they wouldn't officially close the case — leaving room for some ambiguity that would allow both countries to save face.

"The Japanese government

had to balance the Japanese people's feelings about the territorial issue and those of China and Taiwan and seek a win-win scenario which is to be ambiguous," said Takehiko Yamamoto, an international politics professor at Waseda University in Tokyo.

But others, including Tokyo's outspoken governor, Shintaro Ishihara, said Japan had caved in to Chinese pressure. "The government made an incredibly wrong decision in this case," he said.

Comments left on popular Japanese online communities were largely critical of the move.

Earlier, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said China would send a charter flight back to bring him home.

"I reiterate that what Japan did to the Chinese boat captain in its so-called judicial proceedings were illegal and invalid," Jiang said in a statement posted on the ministry's website.

Zhan was arrested on Sept. 8 after the collision off the uninhabited chain of islands call Diaoyu or Diaoyutai in Chinese and Senkaku in Japanese. Located 120 miles (190 kilometers) east of Taiwan, the islands are controlled by Japan, but also claimed by Taiwan and China.

Prosecutors had detained and questioned the captain while they decided whether to press charges. His 14-member crew and ship were returned to China.

At a regular press conference, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku said that Tokyo had no input on the prosecutors' decision, and that they respected it as such.

But he also said he hoped that the two countries could quickly put the incident behind them and work at repairing relations.

"It is a fact that Japan-China relations had the potential, and were showing indications, of worsening over this issue," he said.

Washington has urged China to resolve separate, long-running

territorial disputes with its Southeast Asian neighbors involving the Spratleys and other islands in the South China Sea. President Barack Obama was expected to sign a communique on the issue with Southeast Asian leaders later Friday in New York. Beijing has accused Washington of interfering in an Asian issue. Liu Jiangyong, a professor

with Institute of International Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing, called the release a "wise decision" by the Japanese government that could even lead to stronger ties. "The decision may become a turning point for the improvement of relations between the countries, and both sides should grasp the opportunity to get relations back to the correct track," Liu said

But new wrinkles this week could complicate matters.

Fujita Corp., a Japanese construction company, confirmed Friday that four of its Japanese employees were being questioned by Chinese authorities. The company said the men traveled to Hebei province on Sept. 20 to gather information about the area, and were working to prepare a bid for a project to dispose of chemical weapons abandoned in China by the Japanese military during World War II. Chinese authorities accuse the men of entering a military zone without authorization.

Meanwhile, Japanese trading company officials said that starting Tuesday, China had halted exports to Japan of rare earth elements, which are essential for making superconductors, computers, hybrid electric cars and other high-tech products. Japan imports 50 percent of China's rare earth shipments.

China's Trade Ministry denied reports that Beijing is tightening curbs on exports of rare earths to Japan, but Japan's trade minister, Akihiro Ohata, said he has "information" that China's exports to some Japanese trading houses have been stopped. He said China's government has not informed Tokyo of such a move.





Israel, Palestinians look to salvage Mideast talks

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JERUSALEM — In a case of high-stakes diplomacy, the Palestinians were waiting Friday for the latest American effort to break the standoff with Israel over Jewish settlement construction in areas the Palestinians want for their future state.

With a Sunday deadline looming for Israel to resume the contested building, the two sides' ability to reach a compromise will determine whether they continue with peace talks to address the much thornier issues fueling their decades-old conflict.

President Barack Obama has increasingly placed efforts to resolve the conflict at the center of his foreign policy, and on Thursday the U.S. leader made an impassioned appeal to the world at the United Nations to support a solution.

The direct talks between the parties stalled only three weeks after starting in Washington in early September over the impending end of a 10-month freeze on new Israeli settlement construction on land claimed by the Palestinians.

The measure — which the U.S. pushed for to coax Palestinians into negotiations — expires Sunday. A de facto freeze has also been in place in east Jerusalem, the sector of the city where the Palestinians hope to establish their capital. In his U.N. address, Obama called on Israel to extend the moratorium, saying it "has made a difference on the ground and improved the atmosphere for talks."

As the deadline approaches, U.S. officials are shuttling between the sides with proposals to keep alive what they see as a now-or-never effort to end decades of bloodshed.

"There is significant back and forth going on," U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said late Thursday. U.S. officials were "reminding them (the parties) of their responsibilities" not to do anything to jeopardize the talks, he added.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rebuffed Palestinian and U.S. calls for an extension of the freeze, while Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has threatened to quit the talks if construction resumes.

Netanyahu ordered his special envoy to the negotiations, Yitzhak Molcho, to remain in the United States for further talks. The Israeli leader has discussed the issue by phone with Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and met Friday with Mideast envoy and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Netanyahu has signaled a willingness to seek a way out of the impasse, saying earlier this month that the current restrictions on settlements will not remain in place, though there will still be some limits on construction.

An Israeli official said Friday that "all the proposed building for the coming year would in ... no way change the parameters for such a historic peace treaty."

"The sort of building that's being considered is minor and in no way seriously changes the current realities on the ground," he said, without offering specifics. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the search for a compromise was still in progress.

Netanyahu — a hard-liner who only recently accepted the idea of a Palestinian state — has balked at extending the moratorium, saying that would fracture his pro-settlement coalition government.

Abbas and his leading advisers were also in the U.S., meeting with American officials. Senior Palestinian officials said Thursday that their side would consider an expected U.S.-brokered compromise on the issue.

Speaking later to Palestinians in New York, Abbas reiterated he would quit negotiations if Israel resumed settlement building.

"We have told everyone that we will not continue with direct negotiations if the settlement freeze is not extended," the official Palestinian news agency WAFA on Friday quoted Abbas as saying. "This was our condition and our position, and we said it on every occasion."

On Friday, the Palestinians were waiting for the U.S. to come back to them after talking to the Israelis.

No details have emerged on what the compromise could entail, and officials on both sides of the conflict have refused to discuss the negotiations.

Some in Israel have proposed, for example, that limited building will resume but not the relatively unfettered construction that prevailed before the Israeli moratorium



This photo taken Tuesday, Sept. 21. 2010, shows a view of a construction site in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Ariel.

Associated Press

2 million people displaced in Nigeria flooding

JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press Writer

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian authorities opened the gates at two swollen dams in the country's rain-soaked north, sending a flood into a neighboring state that has displaced 2 million people, officials said Friday.

Water from the Challawa and Tiga dams has swept through rural Jigawa state, bordering the nation of Niger, said Umar Kyari, a spokesman for the state governor. Kyari said the rising waters have affected about 5,000 villages in the typically arid region approaching the Sahara Desert.

"They released water indiscriminately," Kyari said. "That's what why the water flows."

It wasn't immediately clear whether residents received a warning or if anyone was injured or went missing in the flooding. Officials typically open dams seasonally in the region, but it appears far more water flowed out than residents expected.

Jigawa is home to 4 million people, so half of the state's population has been displaced by the flooding.

Nigeria, an oil-rich nation of 150 million in West Africa, has strong seasonal rains that wash through the country. However, this year has seen particularly strong rains in the north that already have broken a dam and flowed over levees in another northern state.

Local officials had begun putting displaced families in rural schoolhouses and other government buildings out of the reach of the floodwaters, Jigawa state information commissioner Aminu Mohammed said. However, Mohammed said the water had reached the border with neighboring Yobe state

"The flood has washed away all the farms and houses," Mohammed said.

Officials with the agency in charge of the dams in neighboring Kano state could not be immediately reached for comment Friday night.

Jigawa state sits about 870 miles from Lagos

in Nigeria's Muslim north.

Mohammed said the flooding has grown progressively worse since August, reaching its height Friday. He said more than 34 square miles of farmland have been washed away by the flooding, as well as millions of dollars worth of cattle.

The commissioner said the state has yet to receive significant aid from the federal government

Typically, the water released yearly from the dams flows into farm fields across the region known as the Sahel, a band of semiarid land stretching across Africa south of the Sahara. There, farmers use the water in the region's brief fertile season to grow corn, rice and a variety of vegetables. However, rains this year have been unusually strong, putting pressure on the reservoirs and dams in the area.

In Nigeria's northwest state of Sokoto, floodwater topped levees and a dam failed during recent flooding, spilling water into surrounding villages. Local newspapers reported as many as 40 people died.

Seyi Soremekun, a spokesman for the Nigerian Red Cross, said officials were working on casualty figures from the flooding. He said volunteers already reached Jigawa and Sokoto states to offer assistance.

"I think the most pressing need is how to put the victims, those affected, in shelter from the harsh weather," Soremekun said. "They need blankets; they need some personal effects to at least deal with or absorb the shock of displacement." The rains come as neighboring Niger faces what international aid experts warn is the worst hunger crisis in its history following a prolonged drought and poor growing season last year. One of the poorest countries in Africa, Niger now has more than 7 million people — almost 50 percent of the population — suffering from a lack of food, officials say.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, last saw serious flooding in 2007, when 68 people died and 50,000 were affected. □

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To speak at Green Energy Conference

Vice President & Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore on Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Former vice president of the U.S.A. and Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore will be the keynote speaker at the opening of the conference "Our Future with Green Energy" in Aruba on September 29, 2010, the Dutch Caribbean island's minister of finance, communication, utilities and energy and conference host, Mike de Meza announced recently

"We are happy, proud and most honored to be able to announce that Mr. Al Gore, former vice president of the United States of America and Nobel Peace laureate has accepted to be the keynote speaker at our first conference on green energy," De Meza announced at a press conference. "Vice President Gore is one of the most important driving forces behind the green awareness movement. The wisdom of Mr. Gore's words will be of great value to our delegates as well," Minister De Meza added.

Albert Arnold "Al" Gore Jr. (Washington D.C., March 31, 1948) was the 45th Vice President of the United States of America. The Nobel Prize in Peace 2007 was awarded jointly to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Mr. Gore "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the





foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change".

Vice President Gore has been a much requested speaker at international debates and meetings on sustainability since the year 2000. He most passionately expresses his concern for the ecological evolution of our planet and the role of the individual herein. The documentary Mr. Gore and the IPCC produced on global warming won an Oscar at the 75th Academy Awards for Best Documentary on February 25, 2007. This documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at various locations on Aruba prior to the Green Aruba 2010 conference.

The Government of Aruba has a very ambitious green agenda. Twenty percent of the energy needed to produce potable water and electricity is already being harvested provided by the island's first windmill park. Making use of the available sustainable energy sources, namely

sun, ocean and wind, the government aims to double this percentage in the coming two years.

From September 29 through October 1, the government of Aruba and the local utilities companies WEB Aruba N.V., N.V. ELMAR and Utilities Aruba N.V. will host the first international conference on green energy for Aruba with as theme "Our Future with Green Energy".

During the conference international experts will present the latest technologies and developments in state of the art alternative, sustainable energy technologies and their practical use in the

Caribbean.

At a tradeshow geared towards increasing national and regional awareness on the everyday use of sustainable energy tools in the home and business, on October 1, 2 and 3, the general public is offered the opportunity to get better acquainted with a numerous green technologies.

Information on the conference and tradeshow are available on the website www.greenaruba. org.

Pictures show Aruban Prime Minister Mike Eman visiting the former Vice President of the United States and Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore at his home in Tennessee.







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Hatenboer-Water of The Netherlands will be present at Green Aruba 2010 to show their compact reverse osmosis system.

This exhibit at the "Our Future with Green Energy" tradeshow, October 1 - 3, at Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad is especially interesting for locals – and tourists wondering how their favorite, Aruba tap water is produced, as the island has embarked on an undertaking to replace its traditional saltwater desalination technology at the W.E.B. Aruba N.V. water plant with reverse osmosis systems.

The general public does often get to see saltwater is turned potable water and

Hatenboer's staff not only will demonstrate merely how it is done, but how it is realized employing clean energy, produced by the, generously, available sun and wind.

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Hatenboer-Water has almost 100 years of experience with osmosis systems and makes custom made water plants for yachts, homes and businesses, including the state of the art mobile

desalination and distribution systems for the Jan de Nul Group, which worked on the Palm islands at the coast

On Aruba currently technology is being applied at W.E.B. to reduce and possibly eliminate

use of the crude product fuel oil with systems that require less energy to get the job done. While already between 18 and 20% of the energy used is produced by the ten-windmill park in Vader Piet, the Government of Aruba aims to increase

the island's wind harvesting capacity to replace another 20% of W.E.B.'s needs with green energy.

W.E.B. Aruba N.V., located in Balashi, is the island's electricity production and water production and distribution plant.





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Aruba replaces desalination equipment



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"This new desalination plant will provide the community with more efficient treatment process and enable Aruba to phase out the older technology," he said.

New WWTP pushes Mexico towards 2030 targets

Mexico has now reached a 42% treatment rate for sanitation following the opening of the wastewater treatment plant in El Rayo, located in the town of Temixco, Morelos.

The seventh plant to open in the region, the facility is able to clean up 100 litres of water per second, according to Juan Carlos Valencia Vargas, director general of the Balsas River Basin, and will help the Temixco municipality achieve a 65% sewage treatment rate for 50,0000 inhabitants.

The director general of the National Water Commission (Conagua), Jose Luis Luege Tamargo, said the opening of the facility would help the country meet the government's goal of reaching 60% network treatment during the present administration.

Total investment for the Morelos facility was 31.77 million pesos, of which 22.12 pesos was contributed from the Federal state.

Rehabilitation of such work is being carried out with Federal and state resource through the Drinking Water Program and Wastewater Zone Urban (APAZU).

Governor of Morelos, Marco Antonio Adame Castillo, also said that in the space of six years, 323 facilities have been rehabilitated or constructed.

This, he said, demonstrates that lowering discharge of untreated sewage is a matter of special importance for the government of President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa. Castillo added that the construction of the WWTP and the 21 plants built during his administration reflect his "commitment to the environment and interest in joining efforts with the Federal Government to achieve the national goal".

The opening of the facility followed the President of Mexico launching a national call for action on water issues to support the 2030 Water Agenda.

This aims to set out a series of long-term water-related goals for the country.

The main goals of the agenda include clean rivers and balanced river basins, access to universal drinking water, sanitation coverage and safeguarding settlements from the effects of flooding.

Water Agenda 2030, a policy Construction of water in which define the actions to realize universal coverage in water supply and sanitation, watershed balance, and settlements safe from catastrophic flooding.

Tamargo said that to achieve the aims set out in Water Agenda 2030 will require the participation from the general population, politicians, three levels of government, businesses, organizations and academia.

New Board of Directors at Water for People

International, non-profit humanitarian organization Water For People has announced its new Board of Directors following its 2010-2014 Strategic Plan released in March.

The new members joining Water For People's Board of Directors include: Paul Bowen, water technology director and director of strategic business initiatives, The Coca-Cola Company: Erich Broksas, senior vice president, innovation and investments, The Case Foundation; Monica Ellis, chief executive officer, Global Environment Technology Foundation and Global Water Challenge; Mary Kay Kaufmann, chief marketing officer and vice president of sales — Americas, Nalco Company; Pat McCann, president and chief executive officer, Weston Solutions, Inc.. Other members included: Harold MacNeil, engineering information engineer, Halifax Regional Water Commission; David Nastro, managing Morgan Stanley; director. Darwin Nelson, senior vice president, CDM; Connie Roesch, superintendent, City of Cincinnati — Greater Cincinnati Water Works; and Williams, president James and chief executive Officer, Peerless-Midwest, Inc.

Continuing Board members include: Charles DiLaura,

president, Neptune Technology Group; Mark Premo, General Manager, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility; and Elisa Speranza, president, CH2M HILL's O&M Business Group. Ned Breslin, chief executive officer of Water For People, said: "The past achievements of Water For People are a true testament to the invaluable drive, direction, and inspiration that the members of our previous Board of Directors have provided us. As we move forward guided by our 2010-2014 Strategic Plan, the compilation of the new Board members in alignment with the direction set forth by the plan will allow Water For People to achieve maximum, lasting impact in the quest to end global water and sanitation poverty worldwide." Board member bios are available

at the Water For People website: www.waterforpeople.org/about/people/board-members
Defense Logistics Agency awards \$386 million contract
The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Maritime Division,
Columbus, OH, has contracted
Aqua-Chem under a five-year program worth \$386 million to supply water purification equipment to remote locations to help war-fighters and support relief efforts.

Under the contract the company be responsible warehousing, storage, logistical and supply chain management of materials to support the reverse osmosis purification units, lightweight purification units and the Tactical Water Purification System (TWPS). David Gensterblum, Aqua-Chem's president and CEO, said: "We are prepared to execute this contract, and are capable of increasing this model exponentially for increased volumes in the near future."

The program's responsibility and execution will be performed out of the corporate headquarters in Knoxville, TN.

IN BRIEF

Royal Haskoning, together with partners HKV Lijn in Water and Fugro, have won a new contract for water control structures in New Orleans. The project will develop a module that allows the local flood protection authority to monitor the opening and closing of gates on all flood defenses. Ries Kluskens, project manager, said: "During hurricane Katrina in 2005, flooding in New Orleans was not only caused by breaches but also because floodgates were left open.

"These things can easily be prevented by having a proper and up to date overview of which gates are open." It is expected that the module will contribute to an improved planning and coordination and the new system has to be operational for the peak of the hurricane season in September 2010. Four associations representing America's the wastewater treatment, public works and civil engineering sectors have released a new document that promotes good engineering practices essential to managing and operating separate sanitary collection systems.

The guidance is designed to solve the absence of clear federal guidelines on how to best manage separate sanitary collection systems and minimize overflows.

'Core Attributes of Effectively Managed Wastewater Collection Systems' was produced from the four associations and designed to be seen as the "first nationally recognized set of practices and core attributes for effectively managed wastewater collection systems".

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Oranjestad's stores donate to Cas di Glas fundraising

ORANJESTAD - The Cas di Glas fundraising, which will take place next week from Wednesday, September 29 thru October 3, gets wide support on the island. Not only the large companies, banks and telecom providers are joining the effort to purchase a mobile breast cancer screening unit, but also various stores in Oranjestad are donating gift certificates and money for this good cause, which might prevent much suffering. Tommy Hilfiger, ASD, Enigma, Fashions at the Greatest Value, Seasons, La Moderna, Cellular World, Simply White, Black Sheep, Panache, Classic and Argee pitch in. Kay Jewelers came with a great surprise before they were even approached for a donation: AWG. 500,-- in cash!

The countdown to the start of the happening goes underway; stores that wish to donate gift certificates or cash for Cas di Glas are kindly requested to call Paola Monster at 743-5334. If everyone helps a bit, the mobile screening unit is in

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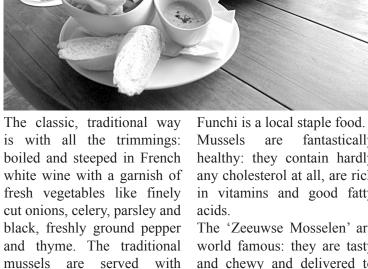
ORANJESTAD - The mussel season has been going full tilt on Aruba; week after week the delicacy was sold out at Papillon Restaurant at The Village. Papillon only received a limited quantity of mussels every week: the mussels were extra tasty this year and the export demand was greater than usual allover the world. The mussel nights at Papillon

Restaurant sold out week after week

The mussels arrive on Aruba with the fresh, salty smell of one of Holland's and Belgium's best export products still clinging to them.

July and August are the months when the mussels are cut, mainly at 'de Zeeuwse kust'. Papillon's mussel feast is now almost over; on Friday the last mussels of the season can be savored.

Papillon's chef Bas Kuurstra is preparing the mussels in two ways: the traditional and the local way.



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Cas di Glas still under construction

Aruba in final countdown for breast cancer fundraiser

Prime Minister Mike Eman will lock Aruban deejays in House of Glass



ORANJESTAD - This is the Cas di Glas (House of Glass), an event that takes from September 29 thru October 3 in the

Renaissance Marketplace the seventh column about across from CILO City Lounge. It is a concept that, after its immense success in Holland, has been copied in various big cities in Europe.

Its goal: to get a substantial

amount of money for a good cause; on Aruba this will be the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds (KWF), the cancer foundation. But what how does something like that come about? In the coming installments you will be able to follow the making of the Cas di Glas and we hope you will get as enthusiastic about this project as its team of organizers. have We started the

is the Cas di Glas exactly and

countdown to Wednesday, September 29. Just a few more days to go before Prime Minister Mike Eman will lock our deejays Siomara, DJ 101 and Jean Carlo into their see-through house, in which they are going to stay for four days and for nights. They do not have an easy task to fulfill: they are going to play lots of music, interspersed with interviews on health, illness, nutrition and sports and they are going to hype lots of visitors and locals to come down to the Renaissance Marketplace for the live performances of groups, deejays and happenings. Focusing on health and a healthy lifestyle, the deejays will only drink vegetable and fruit juices while they are in the spotlight. Their plight will end when Minister of Public Health, Richard Visser, will release them from their glass prison; undoubtedly they will be relieved and happy at 6 pm on October 3!

The Cas di Glas event is having an impact far beyond Aruba's borders: several Belgian newspapers have informed their readers about the Belgian classical rock band Rockenbach performing for our good cause and in one of Holland's leading newspapers there was a write-up of top soccer player Hedwiges Maduro (Aruban by birth) donating money to Cas di Glas. Peter Ballière, initiator of the project, will be on the world service, talking to Hedwiges.

Many people are really curious about the Cas di Glas: they do not have a clue what to expect. Well, really early next Monday morning, the trailer with its deluxe home, will be placed on the Renaissance Marketplace parking lot across from CILO City Lounge. The night before the tricky maneuvering will take place, several committee members will park their cars in strategic places, so no objects will be in the way.

At first the Cas di Glas trailer did not look like much, to be honest, although we tried to spice it up by painting it. However, when it was moved to Mexim, where the glass was to be installed, the verdict was negative: they could not do anything with the trailer in the state that it was in. And then something amazing happened: Mexim's employees decided to spend theirafter-workhours getting the Cas di Glas into shape. They worked their tails off and voilà: a gorgeous glass dwelling is the result. You'll

Another such story is Elite: nothing is too much for them, they are supplying us with a terrific sound system, boxes and even giant lights that go up high into the sky, attracting more and more people to the Marketplace. With the international green energy conference, taking place during the same days as the Cas di Glas in the Renaissance Conference Center, mutual promotion is the word. Super!

We are ready: our goal is for Aruba to have a mobile breast cancer screening unit, which will help save lives and prevent loads of suffering. We are ready for a scoop: the first House of Glass fundraising effort outside of Europe. We are ready; are you?





On Aruba with hydrogen-fueled vehicle

Greenchoice Forze team aims to break speed world record

ORANJESTAD - The team of the Technical University of Delft, The Netherlands, at the video press conference for the upcoming Green Aruba Conference and Tradeshow, said an attempt will be made to break a speed world record during their visit to the island. The team will participate at the conference and trade fair September 29 through October 3, 2010 at Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, the Formula Zero vehicle's team will make the attempt during a Family Day racing event at Palo Marga. Green Aruba event coordinator Pappers revealed Thursday that everything is on schedule for the feat. Palo Marga management is even offering a 50% discount on entrance tickets to Green Aruba Trade Fair visitors who show their proof of the trade

fair admittance at the ticket office

The Dutch team said the record they will try to break is to complete 1/8 mile in less than 10 seconds. The team expressed confidently that breaking this record would not be a problem.

The attempt will surely be one of the biggest attractions for the general public at this conference. One of Greenchoice Forze's drivers, an Aruban living and studying in Delft, Andrew Hagens said at the press conference he would gladly also demonstrate some burnouts, donuts and other tricks with the hydrogenfueled vehicle.

Officially Greenchoice Forze is the first hydrogen racing team in the world and with Forze I, they won the first hydrogen vehicle race in the world, which took place in the center of the Dutch city of Rotterdam in August 2008.



With Greenchoice Forze II, they won a race in Turin, Italy.

By racing sustainably the team wants to promote and develop sustainable technology in an oxygen are converted into attractive way. The hydrogen vehicle rides on power produced onboard by a fuel cell, wherein hydrogen and

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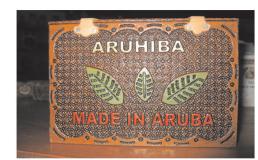
had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is specially designed for the cigars with the logo "Aruhiba". Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars. The company sells International cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five





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Daily fantasy sports become a gambling reality

OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sports fans are betting online each night on athletes' performances — and it's all legal.

The bets are an exception to laws banning online gambling because they take the form of fantasy sports — where participants pick a team of real-life players in baseball, football or other sports and compete based on their real-life statistics. Such competitions typically last a season, but more websites are springing up that offer prize money for teams that last only

one night

Drawn by the possibility of quick cash payouts, instead of just end-of-season glory, fans ready for more-than-casual rivalries among friends or co-workers are building new nightly online betting into a hit for the \$800 million fantasy sports industry. More than a dozen websites have sprung up to manage daily fantasy sports wagers and grab a percentage, says Paul Charchian, president of the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, which represents 120 companies. Those commissions amount to \$35 per player per month at one of

the largest new sites, FanDuel.com, according to its CEO. And with nearly 7 million Americans and Canadians already playing fantasy sports for money by 2008, the total is expected to soar.

"It's always been a little murky, so I think a lot of companies didn't have the stomach for it," said Charchian. "People now are jumping on board." Gambling on fantasy sports online has been explicitly legal in all but six states since 2006, thanks to an exception built into that year's federal ban on most online gambling.

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In this photo taken Sept. 23, 2010, Dave Nutini, a 31-year-old former bank contract manager who quit his job three weeks ago to play poker professionally, sits next to his computer in Dublin, Ohio.

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QB stability:

Some teams just don't care

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — While newly retired Kurt Warner is showing off his footwork on TV's "Dancing With The Stars," more NFL teams than usual are doing the chacha when it comes to their quarterbacks.

The NFL position that normally needs more stability than any is in a state of flux from coast to coast. Nine teams — Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Cleveland, Tennessee, Philadelphia, Oakland, Carolina and Detroit already have used backups. Some of those moves were because of injuries, but five teams already have turned to No. 2 by choice, even if just temporarily.

What in the name of Peyton and Eli Manning, Tom Brady and Drew Brees is going on?

"It is getting tougher and tougher to play the position, not only from a physical standpoint of throwing the ball, but from a mental standpoint and what you are seeing from defenses," says Ron Jaworski, the former Philadelphia starter and now ESPN analyst.

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But Charchian says most website operators remained worried about the legality of wagering of any kind until one popular fantasy sports site, Fanball.com, launched a daily game in late 2008 called Snapdraft, and attracted players intead of trouble. Charchian, who co-founded Fanball in 1993 and had left in 2007, said Fanball didn't jump into daily betting sooner because the legal issues hadn't been resolved.

A far less popular site run by Fantasy Day Sports Corp., FantasySportsLive.com, launched daily games with gambling in mid-2007.

Here's how fantasy sports gambling online works. As in the office pool, fans compile of their favorite teams professional athletes and advance or fall back based on how the athletes perform in reality. A few major portals, including Yahoo. com and ESPN.com, have long offered platforms for the hobby without betting. But the newest online games pay cash each day out to the participants whose teams for that night include the highest-achieving individual players.

"This isn't replacing their

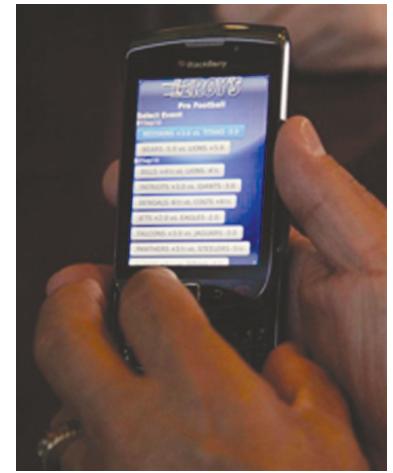
leagues with family and friends," Charchian said. "You don't play these kinds of games for the fun of it, you play it for the profit."

This isn't considered sports gambling, like Las Vegas casinos offer, because gamblers can't wager on scores or team wins or losses. and they can't create fantasy teams that mirror real-world teams. Not that they'd want to if they expect to win. These are what-if teams, where individual performance is the most important factor.

Dave Nutini, a 31-yearold former bank contract manager who quit his job three weeks ago to play poker professionally, said he plans to wager \$200 to \$300 per week on fantasy football using FanDuel this season. He sees players who take the games seriously making a steady income off FanDuel soon.

"I think it's pretty similar to the online poker thing," Nutini said. "I've looked on there, and there are a few guys who are making a significant amount every month."

Right away, Nutini scored \$500 in cash plus a trip to Las Vegas to compete for \$25,000 on a \$10 wager when he won the first week of the FanDuel Fantasy Football



In this photo taken Aug. 31, 2010, Vic Salerno, chief executive officer of American Wagering Inc., demonstrates the use of a new application for the Blackberry on which sports bets can be placed inside the state of Nevada in Las Vegas. Getting money down on your favorite sports team is getting a little easier in Nevada with the first-ever wagering application for smart phones. It won't work in the U.S. outside the Silver State, the only place where sports gambling is legal. But its technology is sophisticated enough to let visitors from other states place bets while they're here.

his losses on two other \$25

Championship. Even counting nowhere close to steady yet. "I'm obviously not doing that he said.

"I think eventually, once I get the hang of it, I wouldn't mind."

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FanDuel launched in the spring with \$1.8 million in venture capital funding and now averages 20,000 users per month who have placed more than 65,000 bets worth more than \$1 million to their winners since play started, CEO Nigel Eccles told The Associated Press.

Eccles said the site's use increased 10-fold with the start of the NFL season this

"Whereas season-long drafts have already had their single bite ... our daily draft model enables us and our partners to continue to add players throughout the NFL season," Eccles said.

Football is by far the most popular fantasy sport.

Players who gamble on fantasy sports were spending an average of \$134 per year on their leagues, an Ipsos study found in 2008, when the daily gambling sites were just starting to take off. Ipsos found that of the 27 million Americans and nearly 3 million Canadians who play fantasy sports each year, about three-quarters do it just for bragging rights.



Angelo Dundee gestures during an interview at the opening of the new 5th Street Gym, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, in Miami Beach, Fla. Dundee's brother, Chris Dundee, opened the original gym in 1951 and it eventually hosted Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Sugar Ray Robinson and many others. It was torn down 17 years ago, five years before Chris Dundee's death.

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) — Just like old times, Angelo Dundee and Muhammad Ali were together again at the gym they made famous.

Nearly six decades after it first opened, the famed 5th Street Gym was brought back to life late Thursday in a gala

unveiling that brought out plenty of former fighters and trainers — most of whom were there with hopes of grabbing a glimpse of Ali, who trained at the South Florida facility under Dundee's watch for

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"It's a beautiful thing, really," the 89-year-old Dundee said. "But you know, you can't

bets, Nutini is well ahead for a living — my bankroll

some good fighters for the Americans. We need it. And I want to be part of that. I want to get a heavyweight. I want to get a heavyweight so we can make some noise."

Dundee said he might be working soon with a 14-yearold heavyweight prospect. On this night, though, all eyes were on the 68-year-old former prospect who arrived amid chants of "Ali! Ali! Ali!" and took a seat immediately next to Dundee at a round table set up next to the new ring that was still being built just hours before the party began.

"He told me he'll be here," Dundee said before Ali's fashionably late style.

He entered through an alley and not the facility's front door, and party guests were under strict orders not to photograph Ali, who wore dark sunglasses and appeared to be slightly taken aback by the reception.

Ali and Dundee visited recently at the trainer's home. Dundee said the effects of Parkinson's disease continue taking a toll on Ali, but that the fighter is still fighting.

"If anybody can kick it, Muhammad will," Dundee said. "He's sharp as a tack." This modernized gym looks nothing like its predecessor.

Dundee's brother. Dundee, opened the original gym in 1951, and it eventually hosted Ali, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Sugar Ray Robinson and countless others. It was torn down 17 years ago, five years before Chris Dundee's death.

The new gym has bright multicolored lights, pictures of past champions who worked in South Florida adorning the walls - and there's even air conditioning. It'll be far more than just a boxing facility, with mixed martial arts and other classes planned.

"We brought this to Angelo and he was excited about it. That's all we needed," said Dino Spencer, one of the partners in the facility.





NFL Preview

Bears could turn heads by beating Packers

ANDREW SELIGMAN **AP Sports Writer**

NEW YORK Through a sloppy preseason and an opening win that felt more like a loss, the Chicago Bears insisted they're NFL title contenders.

They pulled off an eyeopening 27-20 win over the Dallas Cowboys last week but they have a chance to make believers out of doubters when they host the Green Bay Packers on Monday.

Both teams are unbeaten and tied atop the NFC North division, adding a little extra sizzle to the 180th chapter of the NFL's oldest rivalry. "It's always tough to play down in Chicago," Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "They're 2-0, we're 2-0, it's going to be a big game."

Never mind the preseason or that ugly opener against Detroit, when a rules technicality wiped what looked like a winning touchdown catch by the Lions' Calvin Johnson, the Bears signed Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers and running back Chester Taylor, and brought in new offensive coordinator Mike Martz so they wouldn't miss the playoffs for a fourth straight year.

"We know who we are in our house," Bears defensive end Israel Idonije said. "We quietly go about our business. We have a lot of talented players in all three phases." That talent will be

put to the test by Rodgers and the Packers even though they have a short-handed secondary and are missing starting running back Ryan Grant, who suffered a season-ending right ankle injury in the opener against Philadelphia, a major blow. The winner will take a stranglehold on the NFC North after the Minnesota Vikings' early struggles.

Vikings quarterback Brett Favre has looked his age in both defeats. His teammates, other than running back Peterson, Adrian looked old, too, so maybe it's time they rode Peterson against a weak Detroit defense and let the 40-yearold Favre be a passenger.

Minnesota can't afford to lose again and fall to 0-3 on Sunday. After their bye next week, the Vikings get the New York Jets, Dallas, Green Bay and New England Patriots in October.

The Lions have been just good enough to lose close games.

The Jets find themselves in another bad-blood matchup at the Miami Dolphins. First it was Baltimore, then New England. The boos are certain to rain down on Jets receiver Braylon Edwards, who was arrested for drunk driving this week, and Jets coach Rex Ryan, who flipped his middle finger at a fan at a mixed martial arts event in South Florida during Pro Bowl week in January. A more mixed reception is likely for Jason



Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) is stopped by Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, left, and safety Chris Harris (46) following a short reception in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, in Arlington, Texas. The Bears won 27-20.

Taylor, who'll be playing against the Dolphins for the first time after 12 seasons with Miami.

"I'm sure he's going to get cheered," Ryan said. "The rest of us are the ones who are going to get crushed by the fans."

The Dolphins expect such a raucous atmosphere they piped in crowd noise during practice this week, as if preparing to play on the road.

Transformed by a defensive makeover, the Dolphins have allowed only two touchdowns, one on a 1-

They're 2-0 for the first time since 2002, and they opened the season with two road wins — at Buffalo and Minnesota — for the first time since 1977.

The Buffalo Bills, after a Dallas winless start, have dumped quarterback Trent Edwards for the more mobile Ryan Fitzpatrick in hope of ending a 13-game losing run to New England.

This is an especially bad week to be meeting New England, which manhandled by the Jets in the second half last Sunday.

Associated Press yard drive after a turnover. Plus, Buffalo's awful offense (a league-low 17 points) might not be equipped to victimize the Patriots' struggling defense.

> Elsewhere on Sunday, it's Atlanta at New Orleans; Houston; at Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay; Indianapolis at Denver; Tennessee at the New York Giants; Philadelphia at Jacksonville; San Diego at Seattle: Oakland at Arizona: Cleveland at Baltimore; Cincinnati at Carolina; San Francisco at Kansas City; and Washington at St. Louis.



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Philadelphia Eagles quarterbacks Michael Vick, right, and Kevin Kolb are seen during practice at the team's NFL football training facility in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010. Vick will take over as the Philadelphia Eagles' No. 1 quarterback, coach Andy Reid said Tuesday, a day after he announced he would go back to Kevin Kolb.

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No one watches more film of quarterbacks than Jaworski, which gives him particular insight into the upheaval at the position just two weeks into the season.

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"You always will have the elite guys, but once you start getting beyond No. 12 or 13, it's hard to find the other 19 consistent quarterbacks in this league."

The quarterback changes





thus far range from bad health to bad play to bad vibes.

At the Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, Detroit Cleveland and Browns, injuries had plenty to do with the switches. Even those, however, merit further examination.

The Steelers knew since April that Ben Roethlisberger would be suspended for at least four weeks. They hoped to get by with Byron Leftwich, an eight-year veteran, but he hurt his left knee in the preseason, which meant third-stringer Dennis Dixon was promoted. Dixon was a winner in Week 1, even though the Steelers didn't score a passing touchdown. He went down in Week 2 with a left knee problem, bringing in Charlie Batch and making wide receiver Antwaan Randle El, a quarterback in college way back at the beginning of the century, the second-stringer. Now Leftwich is back, and backing up Batch.

The Eagles couldn't protect Kevin Kolb well enough and he sustained a concussion in an opening loss. Michael Vick came in and starred, then did even better in a victory over Detroit with Kolb sidelined.

So Vick stays as the starter after coach Andy Reid reversed his earlier decision

because of injury.

"I think Kolb probably is a basket case right now," says Jaworski. "Kolb was their guy, they traded Donovan McNabb to give him a chance. To yank the guy and take his job away has got to be brutal for him."

A brutal hit by Julius Peppers on Matt Stafford sidelined the 2009 top draft pick with a right shoulder injury in Week 1, and Shaun Hill took over for the Lions. When Stafford is ready, he will step back in.

So, it seems, will Jake Delhomme in Cleveland once his ankle is healed enough for him to replace Seneca Wallace.

Two starters. Jacksonville's David Garrard and Tennessee's Vince Young, are in no danger of losing their jobs despite being taken out last Sunday during losses.

Where things get confusing is at the Oakland Raiders, Carolina Panthers Buffalo Bills.

When the Raiders dealt with Washington for Jason Campbell, team owner Al Davis compared Campbell with Jim Plunkett, who merely won Super Bowls for Oakland. But Campbell has been demoted and Bruce Gradkowski will start this weekend.

Matt Moore got the quick dancing

not to strip Kolb of the job hook in Carolina, where coach John Fox is in the final year of his contract and essentially is a lame duck. So why not try rookie Jimmy Clausen — even if Moore pretty much saved Fox's job by going 4-1 late in 2009?

> Buffalo hired offensive mastermind Chan Gailey as coach, hoping to invigorate an anemic offense. The Bills have scored a leaguelow 17 points and Gailey has replaced Trent Edwards with journeyman Fitzpatrick.

> "They have some game experience and sometimes a change can ignite a football team," Jaworski says of the backup QBs. "But for the most part when you are going to these kinds of players, it's usually a team in trouble. These are not guys who are front-line quarterbacks over a 16game schedule."

There are so few of those. Jaworski thinks he knows

"The league has to find a way to develop quarterbacks," he explains. "I think it got hurt when the Europe league was disbanded. These guys need places to play like the UFL and the Arena League. They need the chance to develop skills and mature as a player, like Kurt Warner." And Warner's gone





Jim Furyk watches his approach shot to the 17th hole during second-round play in The Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Friday, Sept. 24, 2010.

DOUG FERGUSON **AP Golf Writer**

ATLANTA (AP) — Jim Furyk played bogey-free on the back nine at East Lake and shot a tournament-best 65 on Friday for a share of the 36-hole lead with Luke Donald of England, who had another 66.

A two-time winner on the PGA Tour this year, Furyk began the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 3 in the standings. But in the opening event at The Barclays, he was disqualified for missing the pro-am when his alarm didn't go off. He slipped six spots, and didn't scare anyone the next two weeks to fall to No. 11.

But with the top players in the standings starting to fade, Furyk only has to win at East Lake to collect the \$10 million FedEx Cup prize the biggest payoff in golf.

"It's a bunch of money," Furyk said. "The only thing I can really control is to go out and play good on the weekend, try to win the golf tournament. And at that point, there's nothing else I can do about it."

Furyk has a chance to join Tiger Woods as the only FedEx Cup champion to miss the first playoff event, although it wasn't by choice. "I'd like to join him with about 16 majors, too," Furyk said. "But that doesn't look like it's in the cards."

Going into the weekend, the deck is stacked in his favor. Donald did a great job scrambling whenever struggled off the tee, and

pieced together another 66 to join Furyk at 8-under 132. One shot behind was Geoff Ogilvy, who had seven birdies in his round of 67.

Ogilvy's biggest concern was the Australian Rules Football grand final in Melbourne with his beloved St. Kilda going for only its second championship. He planned to watch the game and worry about sleep some other night.

Saturday's third round, with tee times moved up because of NBC Sports' obligation to Notre Dame college football, could determine whether this FedEx Cup finale is a threeman race.

Ogilvy, at 7-under 133, was the only player within four shots of the leaders. K.J. Choi did well to stay close by knocking in a 45-foot birdie putt on the par-3 18th, one of only seven birdies on that hole through two rounds

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Phil Mickelson's hopes were fading. He had a chance to become the first repeat winner of the Tour Championship, and even a runner-up finish would be enough to replace Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking. Mickelson, however, had a 72 and was tied for 13th, nine shots out of the lead.

England's Paul Casey, getting plenty of attention for his Ryder Cup snub, had a share of the lead at various times during the hot afternoon until a sloppy finish, making bogeys on this last three holes for a 71.

Furyk, Donald tied for lead at East Lake

That put him in the group at plenty of that for me.' 3-under 137.

Casey is No. 5 in the standings — the highest-seeded player without a victory this year — and he could wind up a FedEx Cup champion with a runner-up finish depending on how top-seeded Matt Kuchar

"If I want to get up there and challenge those guys, I'm going to have to hit it a lot better than I did today," Casey

Furyk was in that spot a year ago — a chance to win the FedEx Cup without winning on tour that year. He was a stronger contender this year with his victories at Innisbrook and Hilton Head. But then he lost ground with his pro-am blunder. Furyk headed home to Florida, making no excuses for his battery dying in a cell phone that he used for an

The tour changed its pro-am policy a week later after an outcry by just about every player except him.

"It was my fault," Furyk said. "If I whined or complained or anything about the rule, it's just going to make me look worse. My peers actually did 2-over 142.

He got plenty of sympathy, followed by plenty of grief.

"Hundreds of people told me that I was going to get alarm clocks for Christmas," Furyk said.

He could afford plenty of those depending on how the rest of the week goes. He has made only one bogey through 36 holes, that coming on the seventh hole Friday when he missed the green to the right and missed a 7-foot par putt.

All he is thinking about his a good round Saturday, another one Sunday then figure out where he is.

"Yesterday I said all I want to do was think about the next day, try to shoot a round in the 60s," Furyk said. "I'll be doing the same thing tonight - try to shoot another round in the 60s and put myself in the hunt."

That's not a simple task at East Lake, which is such a stern test that it doesn't take much for a round in the 60s to wind up over par. Kuchar had to play one shot on the 17th hole with his feet in the water and scrambled for a 70, leaving him in a tie for 15th at

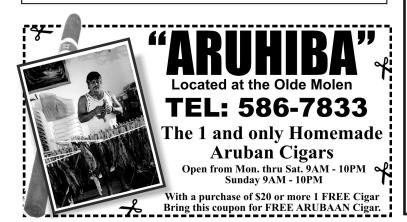


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Tampa Bay Rays B.J. Upton watches his two-run ground-rule double off New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain in the sixth inning of a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010.



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AL Roundup

Upton keys Rays' 7-run inning in win over Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — B.J. Upton and Carl Crawford each drove in two runs in a seven-run sixth inning as the Tampa Bay Rays punished CC Sabathia in his much-anticipated rematch with David Price in a 10-3 win over the New York Yankees on Thursday.

Price (18-6) labored through six innings but Sabathia (20-7) struggled even more. The Rays beat New York for the second straight day, splitting the four-game set and pulling within a half-game of the first-place Yankees in the American League East.

Yankees reliever Javier Vazquez equaled a big league record by hitting three straight batters in the seventh as the Rays added two runs without getting a hit.

Ten days earlier, Sabathia and Price showed why they're leading candidates for the AL Cy Young pitching award, each tossing eight scoreless innings in a game the Rays won 1-0

At Oakland, California, Dallas Braden allowed one hit in eight innings as Oakland beat Texas to stall the Rangers' push for their first AL West title since 1999.

Braden (10-13) outpitched Cliff Lee to end his four-game losing streak and keep Texas' magic number at four for clinching the division.

The left-hander, who pitched a perfect game against Tampa Bay in May, retired 19 batters in a row after Nelson Cruz's two-out single in the first inning. Ian Kinsler ended the streak by drawing a leadoff walk in the eighth. Braden walked two and struck out seven.

Lee (12-9) set down his first eight batters before an uncharacteristic bout of wildness. He walked his first two hitters in the fourth, marking the first time he's walked consecutive batters in two years.

Blue Jays 1, Mariners 0

At Toronto, Jose Bautista drove in the only run with his major league-leading 50th homer to lift Toronto over Seattle.

Ichiro Suzuki also became the first player with 10 straight 200-hit seasons, breaking his own record with a fifth-inning single for the Mariners.

Bautista became the 26th player in major league history to reach the 50-homer mark with a firstinning shot off Felix Hernandez (12-12), who took yet another tough-luck loss.

Royals 4, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Sean O'Sullivan earned his first win as a starter for Kansas City and Joakim Soria converted his 33rd straight save in a victory over Cleveland.

O'Sullivan (3-6) gave up two runs and six hits over six-plus innings to beat Mitch Talbot (9-13). The right-hander left with a 3-0 lead and two on in the seventh. Philip Humber allowed both Indians to score, but stranded runners at second and third to end the inning.

Soria worked a perfect ninth for his 41st save in 43 chances this season. The All-Star reliever has tossed 21 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings and saved 65 percent of Kansas City's 63 wins.

Mike Aviles and Kila Ka'aihue homered for the Royals, who moved 1 1/2 games ahead of last-place Cleveland in the AL Central.

In other AL games it was Toronto 1, Seattle 0; Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2; Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 3; and Oakland 5, Texas



Seattle Mariners Ichiro Suzuki follows through for his 200th hit of the season during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Thursday Sept. 23, 2010.

Associated Press TORONTO (AP) — Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki became the first Major League Baseball player with 10 straight 200-hit

Suzuki records 10th straight 200-hit season

seasons on Thursday, breaking his own record with a single to center in the fifth inning of the Mariners' game against the Blue Jays.

Suzuki, whose 200 hits are the most in the majors, closed in on the mark with a two-out double to left off Blue Jays right-hander Shawn Hill in the third.

He wasted no time in setting the record, lining a single up the middle on the first pitch he saw from Hill in the fifth.

His teammates came to the top step of the dugout to applaud and Suzuki tipped his cap as the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Suzuki surpassed Willie Keeler with his ninth consecutive 200hit season last vear. Keeler's streak ran from 1894 to 1901. Suzuki now has more 200-hit seasons than any player in AL history, breaking the record he shared with Detroit's Ty Cobb. Pete Rose is the only other player to record 10 seasons with 200 or more hits.

Suzuki has led the majors in hits in each of the past four seasons, and six times in his 10-year career.

He closed in on the mark with his first four-hit game of the season in Tuesday's series opener, then went 1 for 5 with a single Wednesday.



NL Roundup

Uribe hits slam, 2-run HR in 2nd, Giants romp

Uribe hit a grand slam and a two-run homer in a ninerun second inning as the San Francisco Giants trounced the Chicago Cubs 13-0 Thursday. Giants pitchers have gone 17 straight games giving up three or fewer runs, the longest streak since the Chicago White Sox set the record with 20 in a row in 1917, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

San Francisco began the day one-half game behind San Diego in the National League West. The Padres played later at Los Angeles. The Giants have the same record as idle Atlanta, which leads the wildcard race

Uribe had only two hits in his previous 21 at-bats before his quick six RBIs as the Giants teed off on Ryan Dempster (14-11) and reliever Thomas Diamond.

Diamondbacks 10, Rockies

At Phoenix, Steven Drew homered and had four RBIs and Kelly Johnson hit a tworun shot as Arizona held off



San Francisco Giants' Juan Uribe, right, celebrates with teammates Pat Burrell, center, and Jose Guillen after hitting a grand slam during the second inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, in Chicago. Uribe also hit a two-home run in the inning.

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Colorado to complete a threegame sweep of the fading Rockies.

Colorado had won 13 of 15 in another late-season run to

get close in the NL West, but leaves the desert 3½ games behind San Francisco in the division and Atlanta in the wild-card race.

Jeff Francis (4-6) struggled in his second start off the disabled list and the Rockies got little production from Troy Tulowitzki to go home on a debilitating four-game losing streak.

Carlos Gonzalez hit his first career grand slam in the seventh inning and added a two-run single in Colorado's three-run ninth, but the Rockies couldn't come all the way back. At Pittsburgh, Albert Pujols hit his 40th and 41st home runs and Matt Holliday reached the 100-RBI mark to lead slumping St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the 13th time in 38 games since Aug. 14, the last day they were in first place in the NL Central.

St. Louis' chances of defending its division title remain slim. The Cardinals trail idle Cincinnati by 7½ games with only 10 games left.

In other NL games it was St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 2; Washington 7, Houston 2; San Francisco 13, Chicago Cubs0; Milwaukee 8, Florida 3; Arizona 10, Colorado 9; and L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 1.

ngry Bowyer: 'I wouldn't cheat' for victory

DAN GELSTON **AP Sports Writer**

DOVER, Delaware (AP) — Clint Bowyer gave a defiant defense of his opening victory in the NASCAR playoffs, saying he "wouldn't cheat" to win a race after his stock car failed a follow-up inspection. He also defended his Richard Childress Racing team on Friday before a race at Dover International Speedway.

Bowyer said he's looking for answers about why NASCAR penalties harsh levied against him that crippled his chances at winning the Chase for the championship. He was penalized 150 points after Sunday's win at New Hampshire and fell from second to 12th in the standings. He is appealing the ruling.

NASCAR also fined crew chief Shane Wilson \$150,000 and suspended him for the next six NASCAR races. Car chief Chad Haney was also suspended for six races, and

team owner Richard Childress was docked 150 owner points. Wilson was at the track on Friday because the penalties are under appeal.

"I wouldn't cheat to win a race." Bowver said. "We have a lot more integrity for myself and our race team at RCR."

Bowyer said his team was "triple sure" his car was legal after a warning following the previous race. Bowyer blamed the issue on the wrecker hitting the rear bumper of the car when it was pushed into the winner's circle.

"I'm still proud of that win," Bowyer said. "I don't believe that we did anything wrong. I guess I'll go on the record and say that." Bowyer's penalty paved the way for Denny Hamlin to take the lead in the points standings with nine races left in the Chase. Hamlin slammed Bowyer's team for the infraction.

"I think they should just be happy they are in the Chase.

said. "They got in, then they got busted."

NASCAR said the No. 33 Chevrolet from Sunday's race had been altered and did not meet its strict specifications. Team owner Richard Childress said in a statement that the penalty was handed down because the car was out of tolerance "less than 1-16 of an inch (less than 1 centimeter)." Bowyer's car passed its initial inspection at New Hampshire on Sunday, but was taken by NASCAR back to its North Carolina research and development center for a more thorough examination. It was there that NASCAR found the rear end of the car had been manipulated.

Bowyer said there was an "ugly meeting" after the warning that was called by Childress to make sure the car passed inspection the next time around. Bowyer said he knew, first place or last, the Chevrolet

They were warned," Hamlin would be inspected again. He said that makes it all the more puzzling that NASCAR feels the team would knowingly try to gain an advantage. Bowyer thought the issue was dead once the car passed inspection at the track.

> "How can a car pass pre- and post-race inspection and three days later get such a huge fine?" Bowyer said.

> NASCAR had already called in RCR officials to warn them that Bowyer's Chaseclinching car from the Sept. 11 race at Richmond had nearly failed inspection because its back end was very close to the mandated limits.

> Bowyer led a race-high 177 laps at New Hampshire, lost the lead to Tony Stewart, but stretched his final tank of fuel 92 laps to win the race when Stewart ran out of fuel right before the final lap. The victory ended an 88-race winless streak for Bowyer.

"If that (infraction) won me that



Driver Clint Bowyer watches NASCAR Sprint Cup practice from the garage area, Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

race, I'd gladly give it back to them," he said. "We won that race on fuel mileage."

RCR has two other cars in the Chase. Kevin Harvick — who moved up to second in the standings, 45 points behind Hamlin, after Bowyer's penalty — and Jeff Burton, who is ninth in the Chase.

"We were the fastest legal car," Hamlin said.

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Source: Nets working on deal for Carmelo Anthony

By TOM CANAVAN AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – The New Jersey Nets might be getting a superstar after all.

After failing to lure LeBron James, Dwyane Wade or Chris Bosh to New Jersey during the free- agency sweepstakes this summer, the Nets are engaged in trade talks to acquire Carmelo Anthony.

A person close to the talks who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak for the team told The Associated Press on Friday that the Nets were involved in very complicated talks with the Denver Nuggets for the small forward. The person added that nothing was expected to be decided Friday.

Yahoo! Sports first reported the trade talks.

The price that the Nets would pay for Anthony in what would be a multiteam trade would be steep.

Yahoo said the Nuggets wanted power forward Derrick Favors, the No. 3 pick overall in the draft, and a protected 2012 first-round pick the Nets received from Golden State.

The Utah Jazz and Charlotte Bobcats also would be involved in the trade and Yahoo reported that the Bobcats would get All-Star point guard Devin Harris from the Nets.

Charlotte would send forward Boris Diaw to the Jazz, who would send forward Andrei Kirilenko to the Nuggets. The Nets would also get point guard D.J. Augustin from the Bobcats.

Nets general manager Billy King did not return a message left by The Associated Press seeking a comment.

Nets spokesman Gary Sussman e-mailed reporters, saying that King would not comment on trade rumors.

The Nuggets have offered Anthony a three-year extension valued at \$65 million, but he has refused to sign it.

The deal with the Nets would be incumbent on Anthony signing the extension, Yahoo reported. Word of the trade talks surfaced on Friday, hours after new coach Avery Johnsonandplayers reported to camp and talked to the media about the upcoming season. The team's first practice is Saturday.

There have been talks about trades involving the Nets and Anthony in recent weeks and Johnson was asked about the rumors.

"All year you are going to hear stuff about not only our



In this March 15, 2010, file photo, Denver Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony (15) reacts after scoring a basket against the Houston Rockets during the fourth quarter of a NBA basketball game in Houston.

Associated Press

He is going to be always looking to improve our ball club."

Johnson said that he wants Harris to be the engine that runs the team and he noted that Favors shows the potential at 19-years-old that Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett showed at the same age.

Johnson was concerned that trade talks might be a

distraction for the players. "They understand that is

"They understand that is part of the game," he said. "It's a part of the business. There may be some things said about coach this year that is really inaccurate. That is a part of what we deal with. When you sign you name on contracts to be an NBA player or coach that's kind of the unwritten rule, the fine print you don't see. Your name is going to come up and something is going to be said. You have to deal with it."

Johnson refused to speculate on how many games the new-look Nets would win after winning only 12 last season.

"We're not making any promises except to say we're going to play hard and we'll see what happens on nights when our talent level is not as high as other teams."

New owner Mikhail Prokhorov has said the Nets will challenge for a playoff berth this season.

Johnson noted that statement was made before the free-agency period.

"You have to look at the context of when the statement was made," Johnson said. "Mikhail and I are on the same page. This is not going to blow up in smoke if that doesn't happen the first year."

situation but every team. That's the way it goes," he said. "Every general manager, and you have 30 of them, they are always out looking to improve the ballclub and that's what they should do. If Billy was sitting up in his office looking at some political talk on television, because I heard he was a politics guy, I would be very disappointed.

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Los Angeles Lakers head coach Phil Jackson smiles as he speaks to the media during an NBA basketball news conference, Friday, Sept 24, 2010 in El Segundo, Calif.

Associated Press

Lakers' Jackson still not certain he'll retire

GREG BEACHAM AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, California (AP) — Lakers coach Phil Jackson hopes one of his assistant coaches succeeds him next season if this campaign really turns out to be his last stand. Jackson reported for the start of Los Angeles' early training camp Friday, and the 11-time NBA champion coach acknowledged he's still uncertain whether this season will be his last.

Jackson flirted with retirement this summer, but elected to return with a pay cut for a shot at his fourth threepeat. Jackson also says center Andrew Bynum probably won't be ready for the start of the regular season after surgery on his right knee. Jackson isn't angry with Bynum for postponing surgery to go to the World Cup. The coach says Kobe Bryant is healthy and likely to play during the Lakers' European tour



Bugs in baby formula? Parents worried about recall

By LINDSEY TANNER ED WHITE,

Associated Press Writers
Worried parents have bombarded the maker of Similac with phone calls and peppered Facebook and Twitter pages over fears about insects in the top-selling baby formula after millions of cans were recalled.

But the company said Thursday it's unlikely any of the formula already sold is tainted, and doctors offered more reassurance: Even if babies drink bug-tainted formula, the chance for serious harm is slim.

"There's no reason for parents to panic," said Dr. Joseph Gigante, an associate professor of pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Symptoms might include a mild upset stomach, but he says that should last only a few days.

Still, parents like Stephanie Roseman of Farmington Hills, Mich., are upset. Her 3-month-old son seemed like he had a stomach ache this week after drinking formula from one of Abbott's recalled lots. So Roseman's switching to a rival formula.

"He was definitely fussy, and he's not a fussy kid at all," said Roseman, 33. "I wish they were a little more careful screening what's going into the formula."

North Chicago, Ill.-based Abbott voluntarily recalled 5 million cans and plastic containers of Similac powdered formula only as a precaution after small common beetles were found at its Sturgis, Mich., manufacturing plant, said company spokeswoman Kelly Morrison.

The bugs are a common warehouse beetle that were foundnear a production line late last week. Abbott immediately stopped production and then tested containers of formula

from that line. Morrison said "99.8 percent of product was not contaminated."

"Chances are really, really remote" that beetle parts made it into formula that was sold to consumers, but the products were recalled just in case they might contain beetle parts or larvae, Morrison told The Associated Press.

Similac is the top-selling infant formula in the United States. Abbott's nutritional products, including adult brands like Ensure, had worldwide sales of \$5.3 billion last year.

Morrison said Abbott expects to lose \$100 million in connection with the recall.

Recalled products include certain lots of Similac Advance LCP with iron powder, Go and Grow milk powder and Isomil Advance Powder. Morrison stressed that liquid formula is not involved.

Affected products were sent throughout the United States, and to Bermuda, Guam, Puerto Rico and 17 other countries in the Caribbean region including Jamaica and Haiti.

The company set up a website, http://www.similac.com/recall, and consumer hot line at (800) 986-8850 where consumers can check to see if they have products with the affected lot numbers. Abbott said those products should be returned to the company for a full refund.

"Delivering anything less than the highest quality formula ... is unacceptable to is," Morrison said. "We will do whatever is necessary to maintain the trust of parents."

That includes setting up new online and telephone access for parents to find out which lots were recalled. Phone lines jammed Thursday and scores of parents who use Similac products complained on a Similac Facebook page about not being able to reach the company or its website.

"There's just a super high volume of consumers trying to get on the website at same time," Morrison said.

Sheri Weber of Grafton, W. Va., was among frustrated mothers who had trouble logging on to the initial website. Her 8-month-old son drank two cans of formula from one of the affected lots before she found out about the recall Wednesday night.

"He had an upset tummy last week and I don't know if it was gas or this issue," said Weber, 22. "If it can cause issues with your baby, that's an amazing matter," she said. "That can keep a mother up all night."

Weber said she's switching to Similac liquid formula. But after a rash of recent recalls, from eggs to baby Tylenol she used to give her son, she said she's starting to think no products are safe.

Many hospitals use powdered Similac in newborn nurseries for mothers who don't breastfeed, including Harvard's Brigham and Women's, where affected containers were



Empty shelf space is seen at a Price Chopper supermarket in Guilderland, N.Y., where recalled Similac powder products were displayed, on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010. Drugmaker Abbott Laboratories said it is recalling millions of containers of its Similac infant formula that may be contaminated with insect parts. The voluntary action affects up to 5 million Similac-brand powder formulas sold in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and some Caribbean countries.

(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

removed Wednesday night.

"The good news is that most likely this won't cause any harm to anybody, even if there was contamination," said Dr. Robert Insoft, director of that hospital's newborn intensive care unit.

Parents concerned if their

children show digestive symptoms after drinking affected formula should contact their doctors, he said. Abbott was consulting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which is investigating.

Texting Taking a Deadly Toll on Roads

By Steven Reinberg

Distracted driving fatalities caused by cell phone use and texting soared in the space of three years, according to new U.S. government research released Thursday.

Texting alone caused more than 16,000 deaths in car accidents from 2001 to 2007, the researchers estimated. But auto deaths involving cell phones and texting while driving rose 28 percent in just three years, from 4,572 in 2005 to 5,870 in 2008.

"The increases in distracted driving seem to be largely driven by increased use of cell phones to text," said lead researcher Fernando Wilson, an assistant professor in the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

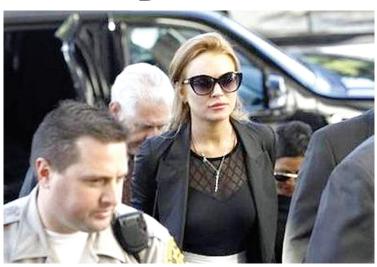
"Overall use of cell phones have been pretty steady, but texting volumes have increased dramatically in the last few years," he added. Distracted driving and its deadly toll was the focus of a government summit this week in Washington, D.C., at which officials called for tougher laws to counter the growing trend. They reported that more than 5,000 people were killed last year in distracted driving crashes. In January, the government banned truck and bus drivers who travel interstate roadways from using a handheld device to send text messages.

The latest report, published online Sept. 23 in the American Journal of Public Health, uses data from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, which recorded all fatalities that occurred on public roads in the United States from 1999 to 2008.

Wilson's team found that drunk drivers are less inhibited about using cell phones as they drive. And there were also increased crashes into light poles, trees and other objects, with men involved in growing numbers.

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Lindsay Lohan returns to Calif. jail in han



Actress Lindsay Lohan arrives at the Beverly Hills Courthouse for a mandatory appearance in Beverly Hills, California September 24, 2010. Los Angeles courtofficials said Lohan's probation had been revoked and a formal warrant for her arrest had been issued after she failed a court-ordered drug test a few weeks following her release from jail and a subsequent stint in drug rehabilitation.

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY, **AP Entertainment Writer**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. -Lindsay Lohan returned to jail in handcuffs Friday after a judge refused to set bail and ordered her to remain in custody for failing a drug test until another hearing nearly a month away. Bailiffs escorted the troubled starlet from the Beverly Hills courtroom immediately after the hearing that lasted less than 10 minutes. She arrived at the

Century Regional Detention Center in Lynwood a short time later, with sheets held up around her to shield her from sight.

It will be Lohan's third jail stint for a 3-year-old drug and drunken driving case filed after a pair of high-profile arrests in

Before the hearing, the "Mean Girls" star chatted with her attorney, smiling and laughing. But moments before Los

Angeles Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox took the bench, she began fidgeting with her earrings and looking to the back of the courtroom, where two bondsmen, prepared to post the actress' bail.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, asked Fox whether Lohan's full probation revocation hearing could be delayed a week.

"I think your client would rather have it on Oct. 22," Fox said, giving the first hint that he intended to send the actress to jail. Holley rose to argue that bail should be set. "Nope," Fox replied.

"Oh God," Michael Lohan said as bailiffs moved in and his daughter rose and was handcuffed.

Lohan has twice been released early because of overcrowding, with her longest jail stay a 14day stint on a 90-day sentence earlier this summer.

But this time, the judge's order diminishes the likelihood that Lohan will be released before the Oct. 22 hearing, when her positive drug test will be discussed.

"When you put the judge in a tight spot, he has no alternative," said Barry Gerald Sands, a defense attorney who has represented celebrity clients in drug cases. "She will not get out now."

The previous judge handling Lohan's case had said she had to set bail for Lohan because she was facing misdemeanors. "This judge feels he didn't have to set bail," Sands said, adding that Fox's orders are rarely overturned.

Fox said Lohan had a "positive test for a controlled substance" that he did not identify. He said probation officials are also reviewing Lohan's compliance with other aspects of her probation, which included frequent meetings with counselors.

"I think that the case law is clear that she is entitled to bail," Holley said after the hearing. She would not say whether she would appeal Fox's ruling and left the courthouse with Lohan's mother Dina, who carried her daughter's shoes and jewelry in a clear plastic bag. Los Angeles television stations followed a car said to be carrying Lohan to jail.

She and her mother had arrived at the courthouse together an hour before, while the actress's father — with whom she's

publicly sparred earlier.

The actress acknowledged failing a court-ordered drug screening last week in a series of Twitter postings.

It was the star's first appearance before Fox, who had said at a previous hearing he would sentence her to a month in jail for each drug test she skipped or failed.

The actress wasn't present for that hearing, which was held hours after her release from rehab.

Lohan seemed to acknowledge an addiction problem after news of her positive drug test broke last week.

"Substance abuse is a disease, which unfortunately doesn't go away over night," Lohan posted on her Twitter feed last Friday. "I am working hard to overcome it and am taking positive steps.

"This is certainly a setback for me but I am taking responsibility for my actions and I'm prepared to face the consequences," her posts said. The actress remains on probation for a reckless driving and two driving under the influence charges, all misdemeanors.



FILE - In this 1959 file photo, actress Elizabeth Taylor is seen with singer Eddie Fisher before their marriage. Fisher, whose huge fame as a pop singer was overshadowed by scandals ending his marriages to Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth Taylor, died Wednesday night Sept. 22, 2010 of complications from hip surgery at a hospital in Berkeley. He was 82.

'50s pop singer Eddie Fisher dies at age 82 By RAQUEL MARIA DILLON, told of singing with her father on stage in San

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES - Pop singer Eddie Fisher gained fame crooning love songs like "I'm Yours" and "Thinking of You" to teenage girls in the early 1950s. But his life was overshadowed by drug use, gambling and failed marriages to actresses Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth

Fisher passed away Wednesday night at his home in Berkeley of complications from hip surgery, his daughter, Tricia Leigh Fisher of Los Angeles, told The Associated Press. He was 82. "Late last evening the world lost a true America icon," Fisher's family said in a statement released by publicist British Reece. "One of the greatest voices of the century passed away. He was an extraordinary talent and a true mensch." The death was first reported by Hollywood website deadline.com.

In the early 50s, Fisher sold millions of records with 32 hit songs including "Any Time," "Oh, My Pa-pa," "Wish You Were Here," Spain" and "Count Your Blessings." "Lady of

His fame was enhanced by his 1955 marriage to movie darling Debbie Reynolds — they were touted as "America's favorite couple" - and the birth of two children.

Their daughter Carrie Fisher became a film star herself in the first three "Star Wars" films as Princess Leia, and later as a best-selling author of "Postcards From the Edge" and other books. Carrie Fisher spent most of 2008 on the road with her autobiographical show "Wishful Drinking." In an interview with The Associated Press, she

Jose. Eddie Fisher was by then in a wheelchair and living in San Francisco.

"He was loved & will be missed by his four children as well as his six grandchildren," Carrie Fischer said on her Twitter account, which the website says has been verified as belonging to the actress.

When Eddie Fisher's best friend, producer Mike Todd, was killed in a 1958 plane crash, Fisher comforted the widow, Elizabeth Taylor. Amid sensationalist headlines, Fisher divorced Reynolds and married Taylor in 1959.

The Fisher-Taylor marriage lasted only five vears. She fell in love with co-star Richard Burton during the Rome filming of "Cleopatra," divorced Fisher and married Burton in one of the great entertainment world scandals of the 20th century. Fisher's career never recovered from the notoriety. He married actress Connie Stevens, and they had two daughters. Another divorce followed. He married twice more.

Edwin Jack Fisher was born Aug. 10, 1928, in Philadelphia, one of seven children of a Jewish grocer. At 15 he was singing on Philadelphia radio.

After moving to New York, Fisher was adopted as a protege by comedian Eddie Cantor, who helped the young singer become a star in radio, television and records.

Fisher's romantic messages resonated with young girls in the pre-Elvis period. Publicistmanager Milton Blackstone helped the publicity by hiring girls to scream and swoon at Fisher's appearances.

(AP Photo/File)

Stocks jump as the news improves on manufacturing



In this photo taken Sept. 21, 2010, a trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York.

By STEPHEN BERNARD, **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK - The stock market resumed a September rally on Friday following a sharp jump in orders for manufactured goods and better news about the European economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose nearly 185 points in afternoon trading and is heading for a fourth week of gains. That would be the longest winning streak since stocks rose to their highest levels of the year in late April. A surprise jump in business confidence in Germany also tempered worries about Europe's economy, driving stocks higher in Europe and the U.S. Stocks had fallen Thursday following a report that business activity slowed in the 16 countries that used the euro

Gold prices climbed again, briefly touching \$1,300 an ounce, as many investors remained cautious. The dollar fell. Industrial stocks including General Electric Co., Caterpillar Inc. and United Technologies Corp. gained after the Commerce Department reported that orders for durable goods excluding transportation rose last month at their fastest pace in five months. The increase was double what economists polled by Thomson Reuters (AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

had expected.

Stocks have been volatile in recent sessions as investors react to the latest pieces of economic data. Much of the economic news throughout September has been better than expected, which has pushed major indexes sharply higher during the month after a big sell-off in August.

Zahid Siddique, an associate portfolio manager at Gabelli Equity Trust Inc., said traders are only reacting to the latest news because there still isn't certainty about the pace of recovery.

"Based on the daily data they get, they move the market one way or another," Siddique said. Friday's upbeat manufacturing report, particularly a jump in corporate spending, is what traders have zeroed in on to send stocks higher, he said.

Capital goods orders from U.S. companies for products like computers and machinery rose sharply in August, reversing a steep drop in July orders.

In other corporate news, Nike Inc. jumped after reporting strong results and the largest gain in upcoming orders in a decade.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 183.68, or 1.7 percent, to 10,845.95 in afternoon trading. The Dow has risen 8.3 percent in September, but is only up 4 percent for the year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 22.27, or 2 percent, to 1,147.10, putting it in position to end a three-day losing streak. The index, used as a benchmark by professional investors, also climbed back above a key technical trading level Friday.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 45.88, or 2 percent, to 2,372.96. It has been the best performer during this month's rally among the major indexes, jumping 12.3 percent.

A separate report from the Department Commerce showed sales of new homes in August rebounded slightly records dating back to 1963 in rose \$1.64, or 2.4 percent, to July. Sales rose 4.3 percent.

The modest rise in sales followed a similar report Thursday that showed sales of previously occupied homes rose in August from depressed levels in July. Sales plummeted in the months after a home buyer tax credit expired at the end of April, but analysts are relatively hopefully sales over the summer might indicate the bottom of the market.

Nike rose \$2.45, or 3.2 percent, to \$80.12. GE rose 32 cents, or 2 percent, to \$16.46, while Caterpillar jumped \$3.30, or 4.3 percent, to \$79.56. from the lowest level on United Technologies shares

\$71.44.

About five stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange where volume came to 566.2 million

Bond prices fell after the durable goods orders report. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, is used to set interest rates on loans, rose to 2.61 percent from 2.55 percent late Thursday.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.9 percent, Germany's DAX index gained 1.8 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 1.9 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 1 percent.

Business spending on capital goods rises in August

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER,

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON - U.S. companies invested last month in computers, communications equipment and machinery, boosting capital goods orders for the third time in four

The 4.1 percent increase to capital goods in August signaled a rebound in business spending after orders fell 5.3 percent in July. It also suggests manufacturing, which has helped drive economic growth since the recession ended in June 2009, is still a bright spot in a weak recovery.

The gains in capital goods orders, along with a jump in business confidence in Germany, helped send stocks soaring. The Dow Jones industrial average surged more than 180 points in afternoon trading.

The overall demand for durable goods fell 1.3 percent in August, the Commerce Department said Friday. But that was pulled down by a significant drop in orders for aircraft. When excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders rose 2 percent — the best showing in five months.

In a separate report, Commerce said that sales of new homes were unchanged from a month earlier at a seasonally adjusted annual sales pace of 288,000.

The sales pace was the second-worst on records dating back to 1963, with the pace in May being the worst.

Homes sales in August were down 29 percent from the same month a year earlier.

Normally the building industry powers economic recoveries. Each new home built creates, on average, the equivalent of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

But housing has been at the center of this downturn and shows no signs of recovering quickly.

The manufacturing sector has expanded for 13 straight months, as measured by the Institute for Supply Management.

Capital goods, which excludes transportation and defense goods, are seen as a good proxy for business and economists watch it closely. Business spending on equipment and software has been growing at a 20 percent annual rate over the past three quarters.

Economists had worried that July's decline in spending on capital goods was a sign that the sector was losing strength. August's figures suggest manufacturing activity is growing, but economists remain concerned about its sustainability.

"Though downshifting a tad, business capital spending remains one of the few consistent bright spots on the economic landscape," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

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News feed: Facebook is up after glitchy after



In this photo provided by Harpo Productions, Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, second from left, poses with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, left, Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker, second from right, and Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook, during a live broadcast of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, in Chicago. Zuckerberg pledged to set up a foundation to donate \$100 million to Newark's schools over the next five years.

By BARBARA ORTUTAY, **AP Technology Writer**

NEW YORK - A technical glitch blocked or slowed access to Facebook for several hours Thursday, unplugging many of the social-networking site's 500 million users from from their friends.

Facebook called it "the worst outage we've had in over four years" in a blog post published late Thursday.

The company blamed a software flaw that caused a

the constant flow of updates cluster of its databases to be overwhelmed. Facebook said it had to shut down the entire site to stop traffic to the databases. The company estimated the problems persisted for about two and a half hours.

(AP Photo/Harpo Productions, Inc. George Burns)

By evening, the site was

again running smoothly, but some people affected by the problems were still cooling off. Jennifer Sokolowsky, a freelance writer and editor in Seattle, was in the middle of contacting some Facebook friends about a possible job when the site slowed to a frustrating crawl.

"I realized I don't have any other way to contact them," she said. "If it's not working properly, that's when you realize how tapped in you are to it."

The problem started about 2:05 p.m. EDT, said Vik Chaudhary, a vice president at website monitoring company Keynote Systems. Over four hours, the site was unavailable to 22 percent of those who tried to access it, Keynote said. Normally, it's available close to 100 percent of the time.

Any stutter in Facebook's services is bound to cause a commotion on the Web. Its members now spend more time on the social network than they do even on Google, which owns the leading Web search engine, YouTube

and other sites. In August, Facebook commanded 41.1 million minutes of U.S. surfers' time, compared with 39.8 million minutes spent on Google sites that month, according to research group comScore Inc.

Forsome, the technical problem upstaged news that Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, 26, is donating \$100 million to the struggling Newark public school district. The donation is being announced Friday on Oprah Winfrey's TV show.

Facebook is also under the microscope ahead of the Oct. 1 release of the movie "The Social Network," a fictionalized account of Facebook's founding that paints a less-than-flattering picture of the young CEO.

The Facebook outage came two days after a mischievous hack spread through Twitter, the short messaging site. That attack didn't shut Twitter down but it spread "tweets" of blocked-out text to people's accounts, causing pop-up windows to open on their computer screens.

Microsoft Adds Web Embeds to Office Web Apps

Christina Warren

Microsoft has added some new features to its Office Web Apps service, including the ability to embed Excel and PowerPoint documents into blog posts or websites.

Launched in June, Microsoft Office Web Apps is Microsoft's attempt to compete with the ever-popular Google Docs. Microsoft says the service has already been used by 20 million people, despite some tepid early reviews. In addition to adding new features, Microsoft is also expanding the global availability of the Office Web Apps to Australia, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Russia.

Microsoft posted a video interview highlighting the latest additions to Office Web Apps and a guide for how to embed Excel or PowerPoint documents on its Office blog.

Web embeds are a great new feature for PowerPoint and Excel users, but it's something that Google has been offering for several years. Additionally, services like Slideshare have made it easy to upload and embed PowerPoint or PDF-based presentations.

Now you can add PowerPoint presentations and Excel spreadsheets to your blog posts.

Here's how...



This is what an embed of a Microsoft PowerPoint document looks like.



A woman holds up a bottle

of Paix-Dieu beer in Brussels

(Reuters) - Full moons are

often associated with tides,

insanity and creatures like

werewolves, but it turns out

they're also good for brewing

In Peruwelz, a small, sleepy

town in southern Belgium, a

family-owned brewery has

produced its first batch of

specialist beer brewed by the

light of a full autumnal moon.

It isn't so much a nod to

mythology as a recognition of

nature's impact on the science

"We made several tests and

noticed that the fermentation

was more vigorous, more

active," explained Roger

Caulier, the owner of Brewery

Caulier, which began in the

1930s when his grandfather

started selling homemade beer

"The end product was

completely different, stronger,

with a taste lasting longer in

The full moon speeds up

shortening it to five days

from seven, which adds extra

punch to the beer without

making it harsh, according to

The finely balanced, gold-

colored beer is 10 percent

alcohol by volume, extremely

strong by most European

or U.S. standards but not

fermentation process,

from a handcart.

the mouth," he said.

connoisseurs.

Belgium

September 24, 2010.

By Emily Coleman

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Belgium experiments with

mystical "full moon" beer

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monk-brewed beers frequently hit 10 or 12 **FOR SALE**

"It goes down very well, no problem at all," said Joseph François, a journalist and beer expert who has tasted the

uncommon in Belgium, where

Brewery Caulier, which uses methods dating from the 1840s and is well-known for its artisanal beers, plans to produce about 12,000 bottles of its full moon beer, called Paix-Dieu (Peace-God), which go on sale on October

The idea came to Caulier after he visited a friend in Alsace, a winemaking region of eastern France, who told him about how he planned his entire production schedule according to the lunar calendar.

Caulier began experimenting and eventually came up with a nine-step process that includes using two types of hops and involves a twoweek secondary fermentation process inside the bottle, not unlike the technique used to produce Champagne.

"It gives the product greater fame, a bit like for great vintage wines," he said.

"It could lead to collectors checking the differences between one vintage and another because there could very well be differences between every batch."

Being from a three-generation brewing family, Caulier is fascinated by the science behind the process. But he doesn't discount the mythical aspects of full moon beer either.

"Many farmers are convinced that the moon influences the quality of some of their products," he said.

"You can feel agitated on full moons, you have births, you get many myths around the full moon and I think there is some truth behind them."



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Europe agrees to create marine protected areas



Germany's delegate Dr. Helge Wendenburg (C) is stopped by Stefan Krug (R) from Greenpeace upon his arrival to the OSPAR Commission's Ministerial Meeting, the North-East Atlantic Environment Summit on September 23 Bergen, Norway. European countries agreed Friday to create six marine protected areas in the northeast Atlantic, in a bid to protect the region's environment.

OSLO – European countries agreed Friday to create six protected marine areas in the northeast Atlantic in a bid to step up the protection of the region's environment.

The decision was taken at a meeting in the southwestern Norwegian city of Bergen of the OSPAR Commission, a body through which 15 regional countries, along with the European Union, work to protect the environment of the northeast Atlantic.

They defined six zones or marine protected areas (MPAs) over a total area of 185,000 square kilometres (71,400 square miles) where human activity should be limited.

These zones comprise "a range of vulnerable deepsea habitats and species", the OSPAR Commission said in a statement, adding that it wanted to create "a precedent" worldwide.

"This moment is historic, it is a world first," French Ecology and Marine Affairs Minister Jean-Louis Borloo said in a statement.

"We are going to show that we are finally capable of protecting oceans in their entirety and not be closed in by our legal limits," he said in a statement.

However the environmental group Oceana criticised European governments for pushing back the creation of the MPAs to 2012, when they were obligated to do so this year under international law, and for still only having a third of the protected areas needed.

Oceana said the six new areas will take the total MPAs to 165, but that will make up

"less than three percent of the marine surface area of the northeast Atlantic OSPAR region, and significantly less than the 10 percent minimum required by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity".

European countries' failure to meet their obligations "endangers the health and future of an ecosystem on which millions of Europeans depend", explained Ricardo Aguilar, Director of Research at Oceana Europe.

At the same meeting, European countries rejected a German proposal to ban deepsea offshore drilling in order to avoid an environmental disaster comparable to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The proposal was quickly withdrawn following pressure from the region's oil-producing countries -- Britain, Denmark and Norway, Greenpeace

aid.

"Deeply concerned by the accident on the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico earlier this year, we reaffirm our commitment to take all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from offshore oil and gas activities," participants said in a ministerial statement.

The countries said they would review the existing frameworks as a precautionary measure, "including the permitting of drilling activities in extreme conditions".

Environmental organisation Greenpeace, which is also pushing for a ban of deep-sea offshore oil drilling, said the failed proposal was a "total victory for the oil industry".

Officials meeting in Bergen "did not have the political courage to protect us against another accident like

Deepwater Horizon, while it was in their reach to do so", said Truls Gulowsen of Greenpeace Norway.

Shortly after the BP-leased Deepwater Horzion oil rig exploded in April, killing 11 and causing a catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, US President Barack Obama ordered a six-month freeze on deepwater offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

Activists from Greenpeace have since Tuesday occupied a Chevron-operated oil drilling ship anchored off the Shetland Isles to push for a ban on deepwater drilling in the North Sea.

At the end of August, Greenpeace activists climbed on to an oil rig operated by Scottish oil exploration group Cairn Energy off the coast of Greenland and halted drilling for more than a day.

Stem cell treatment for heart attack promising: study

TORONTO – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals and partner Athersys Inc said on Thursday their early-stage clinical trial of a stem cell therapy for heart attack patients showed improved heart function and was well-tolerated at all dosages.

Shares of Vancouver-based Angiotech climbed 10 percent late on Thursday afternoon to 57 Canadian cents on the

Angiotech Toronto Stock Exchange.
 and partner U.S.-based Athersys was up d on Thursday 0.5 percent at \$3.18 on the e clinical trial Nasdaq.

Patients undergoing the MultiStem treatment displayed mild to moderate side effects, Angiotech said.

Data from the early-stage trial suggested that treated patients showed improvements in heart function compared with patients receiving standard care, it said.

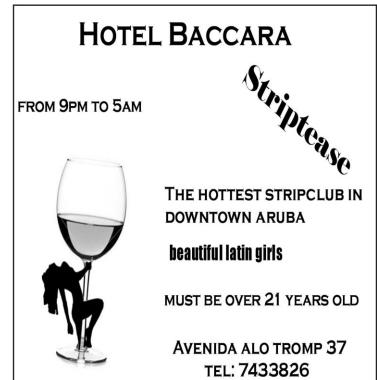
The update of the phase I clinical trial was based on four months of post-treatment data.

The companies said they are planning a subsequent clinical study, with trials expected in begin in 2011.

This week, Athersys said MultiStem also received orphan drug status in the United States for the prevention of a condition that causes immunologic attacks in bone-marrow transplant patients.

This is a designation granted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to drugs that treat a condition affecting less than 200,000 Americans. It grants the drugmaker marketing exclusivity for seven years in the United States after approval.







oceso electoral entra la recta final en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP) - Las El ministro de Defensa, autoridades electorales iniciaron el viernes la instalación de 36.773 mesas de votación en todo el país mientras oficialistas y opositores afinan maquinarias para los comicios legislativos del domingo.

La presidenta del Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE), Tibisay Lucena, dijo el viernes en conferencia de prensa que tenían "80% de las mesas instaladas. Se mostró confiada del desarrollo del proceso, y expresó que el avance logrado hasta ahora hace prever el éxito de las votaciones del domingo.

Unos 17,5 millones de electores están inscritos para participar en los comicios legislativos en los que se elegirán 165 miembros a la Asamblea Nacional, que actualmente es controlada por una mayoría oficialista.

general en jefe Carlos Mata Figueroa, afirmó que las fuerzas armadas se encuentran desplegadas en los 12.562 centros de votación en todo el país para prestar seguridad durante el proceso, y aseguró que los militares "actuaremos contundentemente" el caso de presentarse alguna alteración del orden público.

En relación a la situación de la frontera, Mata Figueroa indicó que "si hay que cerrarla (la) cerraremos", pero precisó que la decisión final al respecto está en manos presidente Hugo Chávez. El jefe del Comando Estratégico Operacional (CEO) de la fuerza armada, general Henry Rangel Silva, dijo que como parte del contingente de unos 250.000 militares que prestarán seguridad en los comicios se incorporarán



La observadora internacional Ximena Endara, de Ecuador, derecha, habla con un funcionario electoral y revisa una máquina electrónica de votación en Caracas, Venezuela, el viernes 24 de septiembre de 2010. Venezuela tiene elecciones legislativas el domingo. (AP Photo/Leonardo Ramirez)

unos 30.000 milicianos.

Rangel Silva informó que las autoridades tomaron las

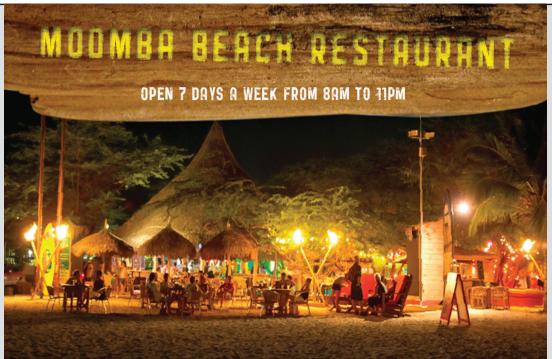
interrupción del servicio eléctrico gobierno están resguardando durante las votaciones, y precisó unas 705 plantas e instalaciones que unos 6.000 efectivos y diez previsiones para evitar cualquier helicópteros militares y del

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